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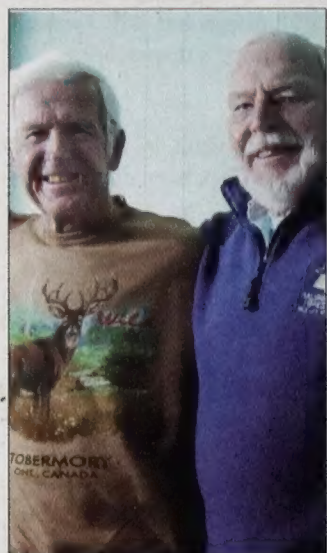
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Trails remain open

Forest owners back down on threat after receiving local support

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

By banding together to fight a common foe, the Haliburton Forest Owners Association, local politicians and trail organizations have stepped away from the brink of having any new trail closures in the county.

On Friday, members of the HFOA met with representatives of county council, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, the Nordic ski associations and tourism officials.

As a result of the latter groups' commitment to actively support the forest owners in their fight against the Ministry of Finance's new method of assessing managed forests, the forest owners say they will continue to allow trail access to their properties.

"We got very strong support from the business and political community," says Peter Schleifenbaum of the HFOA. "That's absolutely crucial."

However, the trails aren't out of the woods yet. If the Ministry does not favourably respond, the association will once again consider its options. "The heat isn't off but the ball is in the court of the Ministries of Finance and Natural Resources [which is conducting a review of a complaint launched by the Ontario Forestry Association under the Environmental Bill of Rights]."

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Now that the future of snowmobile trails in the Highlands is a little more secure, snowmobilers can start addressing another problem - soaring insurance rates. Although Paul Prentice says insurance is still available for \$270 a year, snowmobilers who are deemed "high risk" are being priced out of the market.

Mandatory recycling on the way

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Attention Algonquin Highlands ratepayers: If you're not recycling now, you'd better start removing those cans and glass bottles from your garbage soon.

At its meeting at the end of this month, council plans to pass a bylaw to implement mandatory recycling in the municipality.

The bylaw has been strongly supported by the municipality's

waste management committee, which feels this is an important way to lengthen the lifespan of landfill sites.

To encourage ratepayers to separate bottles, cans and paper from the rest of their household garbage, the municipality recently purchased 250 plastic blue boxes which can be purchased at the municipal offices in Stanhope and Dorset.

At last Thursday's council meeting, Councillor Jim Hicks

suggested that the municipality charge \$5 a box to cover costs but Councillor Diane Griffin suggested that since the municipality is forcing people to recycle it should consider reducing the cost. As well, the blue box is good advertisement for recycling.

"You don't need a blue box to recycle," countered Deputy-Reeve Tom Gardner. "If you've got a garbage bag you're in the game."

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He noted that if the boxes are given away for free, taxpayers will have to pay for them anyway through property taxes.

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone noted that blue boxes are selling for \$10 at Canadian Tire, so the price is right.

The \$5 price was approved.

The new bylaw will not mean that there will be garbage police at the landfill sites. Instead, attendants will do random checks of people's garbage to ensure that they are recycling. If there's a continuing problem, then the municipality's bylaw officer will be asked to investigate.

As well, mandatory recycling will not at present include composting since the municipality does not offer any composting services.

In other landfill news, contractors will be notified that if they have not separated the type of wood they bring into the landfill, they'll have to do it when they get there.

This is in response to a warning from the Ministry of Environment, which was concerned that the municipality was not following the rules of its Certificate of Approval for the Pine Springs landfill. The C of A states that only "clean" wood and brush can be burned at the site.

"Basically you can't burn anything that isn't in its natural state," Whetstone said at Thursday's council meeting.

Whetstone lobbied the MOE to loosen the restrictions to include, let's say, an old desk that's been painted, but the MOE won't budge.

"There is no bending," Whetstone said. "To me it doesn't make sense that you can't take a piece of old furniture and burn it, but you can bury it in the ground."

The Hawk Lake landfill is the only landfill in the municipality which does not have burning privileges.

Meanwhile the municipality is addressing the MOE's two other concerns about the Pine Springs site: fill being spread beyond the approved footprint and waste not being properly covered. The new contractor has been made aware of the problems and there will be a clear definition drafted of the landfill's footprint.

Stanhope fire department celebrates quiet holiday

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

It was a quieter than normal Christmas season for the Stanhope fire department, which was called out seven times. Better yet, none of the calls were to major structural fires.

Usually there are nine calls for the same time period.

In going over his report, Fire Chief John Hogg noted that there was a lot of confusion when a motorist called 911 to report that there was a person lying on the side of "Hwy. 121 north of Carnarvon." There is no Hwy. 121 north of Carnarvon so the OPP, which received the call, called the Stanhope and Dysart fire departments. (The former Hwy. 121 runs through Dysart.)

"The motorist wasn't sure where he was," said Hogg.

The Stanhope and Dorset fire department were also called out to their first ice rescue call of the season over the holidays when ATVs went through the ice on Wren Lake.

"Since people couldn't take their snowmobiles onto the lake [because of thin ice] they took their ATVs instead," he said. "Fortunately the water wasn't deep so there wasn't much rescue involved. Everyone was safe."

When Stanhope was called to a chimney fire on Shangri-La Road on an icy morning, the department first had to call the roads department to sand the road. The roads department responded immediately and there was no trouble getting to the call. Luckily, the fire stayed in the chimney and didn't spread to the rest of the building.

Council will write a letter of appreciation and gratitude to Dave Johnson, a long-time volunteer firefighter who is retiring from the department.

Dispatch

The two companies which are vying to provide dispatch services for the Stanhope fire department appear to have widely different costs.

At first glance of the bids, it appears Northern Communication Services out of Sudbury would charge 11 cents per resident, or roughly \$110 a month with no set

up fee. TAS Page Communications of Peterborough said it would charge a \$1,500 development fee and then \$750 a month for the first year, \$800 a month for the second year and \$850 a month for the third year of a three-year contract.

Five companies were asked to bid on the contract but only these two companies responded. TAS's bid was opened first, eliciting a "Wow" from Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner. There was a sense of relief when the second bid was opened and the cost appeared to be much lower.

An ad hoc committee will review the tenders before making a recommendation at the next council meeting.

The contract will remain in effect even after 911 is introduced later this year. The 911 dispatcher will forward the call to Stanhope's dispatcher.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Algonquin Highlands

Skating rinks

Public response to the outdoor ice rinks in Dorset and behind the Stanhope firefighters hall has been enthusiastically positive.

Councillor Kerry Lock said that over the Christmas holidays there were often 60 people a day at the Dorset rink, which now also hosts Tuesday night hockey games.

"It's awesome; I can't say enough about it," she said of the rink.

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner was equally pleased with the Stanhope rink, especially now that there are Christmas lights for night skating.

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone was pleased with the work that's been done on the ice surfaces. "Our crews everywhere are doing a great job."

Clarification

In the previous council briefs it was noted that it will cost \$7,500 to send airport manager John Packer to an important airplane show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Council is seeking financial support from community partners to subsidize the cost of promoting the county's only airport.

Off to the races

People who want to see their council in action can attend Dorset's Snowball on February 21, when councillors will be responsible for running the minnow races. Meanwhile the Stanhope fun day is this Saturday starting at 11 a.m.. There is an outdoor skating party on Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall.

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Bill and Betty Milford were married in Toronto in June of 1948.



Bill and Gladys McAfee were married in Toronto in November of 1948.

Are these brides seeing double?



Darren Lum/TIMES

Betty and Bill Milford and Bill and Gladys McAfee discovered that they have more in common than they realized. The two grooms may have looked startlingly alike back in 1948 but they also lived four blocks from one another. They discovered the Highlands at the same time, too.

by **MATTHEW WALLS**
Times Staff

Sometimes you find yourself in the unlikeliest circumstances, even, in the case of Bill McAfee, married to a woman other than your wife of 55 years.

At least that seemed the case for McAfee when he saw a photo of a couple celebrating their 55th anniversary in the *Times*' wedding supplement last February.

The couple, Bill and Betty Milford, was married in 1948, the same year Bill McAfee wed his wife Gladys. The wedding location, Toronto, was also the same.

The most striking resemblance, though, was the groom. Did McAfee have a doppelganger? Was there a parallel universe on earth? Or was Bill just a plain old bigamist?

None of the above. McAfee decided, upon close inspection, that no, it was in fact a different Bill. He showed the photo to his wife: "It looks like me but it isn't me."

McAfee decided to send the photo to the *Times* with a playful note attached to it: "Bigamy?"

Last week, the two Bills met for the first

time to have their photos taken, their wives in tow behind them.

Upon seeing the photo of the McAfees on their wedding day, Bill Milford humbly wondered "how anybody could be mistaken for me."

The two couples discovered that their first residences in Toronto were less than four streets apart, the Milfords in a flat at Yonge and Sheppard, in what once was Lansing, in North York, and the McAfees at their flat on Franklin.

They both found the Highlands around the same time, in 1957, the Milfords as

cottagers and the McAfees as summer visitors.

The trajectory of the two Bills does not end there. The two couples left Toronto within two years of each other in the late eighties, after the Bills had retired. And both Bills curl, though McAfee is newer to the game.

So what do the women think of all these uncanny resemblances?

"How come your Bill has more hair than mine?"

"I guess I haven't been pulling hard enough."

This year's wedding supplement will be in the Friday, January 30 Times. (Please note that there will be no Times on Monday, January 26 because of the change in publication date from Monday to Friday.)

Snowmobilers join fight against insurance rates

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times Staff

Insurance providers are slamming Ontario's snowmobilers with exorbitant insurance premiums in an attempt to force the Ontario government to lower liability claims across the whole automobile industry, say officials within the snowmobile industry.

"The story here isn't snowmobiling," says South Lake's Mark Lester, publisher of SnowTraxx magazine.

"It has to do with limiting liability."

Lester said insurers are "jacking up" the premiums for all high-risk activities, including snowmobiling, until the provincial government lowers the amount an individual can claim for an accident. The Ontario limit is \$15 million.

To persuade the province to lower the limit, the OFSC launched an SOS campaign last week to warn the government that insurance costs are threatening the industry's viability.

In 2003, the OFSC paid \$3.5 million for its liability coverage, says Ron Purchase, Senior Policy Analyst at OFSC. The coverage extends to all snowmobile clubs, landowners and volunteers.

Purchase said liability coverage was less than \$400,000 just four years ago, a jump of over 500 per cent. The cost will not have an immediate consequence, but it will down the road, Purchase said.

"If it goes on for a few years it will show up in service levels, repairs to bridges and signage."

In its campaign, the OFSC is reminding the province that snowmobiling brings in, according to its statistics, about \$1 billion to the Ontario economy, much of it to rural Ontario.

Tourism revenue generated by winter tourism in Haliburton County is estimated to be \$10 to 15 million, said Andy

Chevdukas, president of HCSA.

Chevdukas said rising insurance liability for the OFSC has forced snowmobile clubs across the province to raise their trail permits. The money generated by the trail permits is collected by the OFSC, which has an annual budget of \$20 million.

In Haliburton County, pre-season permits have jumped from \$120 in 2002 to \$160 in 2004.

Chevdukas said the high insurance costs couldn't be sustained, because it is affecting not only the cost of trail permits but also the premiums snowmobilers pay for their own sleds.

According to local insurance brokers, the insurance companies have raised premiums on all machines above 600 c.c.s. In some cases, the insurers won't even offer insurance on these high-powered machines, which they claim have a higher risk for serious injury.

Paul Prentice, owner of Prentice Power Sports, said "reasonable" insurance rates for any type of snowmobile can still be found. Prentice quoted a 40-year-old with a clean driving record who had a high-powered snowmobile insured for \$269 a year.

In contrast, local insurance providers said that insurance with specialty carriers who cover "high-risk" snowmobiles could run into the thousands.

Although the \$269 policy was a stand-

alone, that is the machine was not insured as part of an overall automobile policy, Prentice admitted that in some cases, insurers are only offering cheap snowmobile insurance if the individual switches all their coverage to the insurance firm.

However, Prentice said the insurance problem was mainly one of perception, though it has still slowed the store's sales of bigger snowmobiles last year.

Both Lester and Purchase charged the

insurance companies with "picking that [600 c.c.] number out of the air in the absence of any data to back that."

"The statistics do not show a particular link to larger c.c.s and accidents," Purchase said.

"It's not the

vehicle, it's how it's driven."

Lester said there is "substantial concrete evidence" that serious-injury accidents are caused by young, impaired snowmobilers on Friday and Saturday nights riding all varieties of snowmobiles.

High-powered snowmobiles, Lester said, "are owned by a very small demographic (15-17 per cent)," and these riders are among the "most experienced" and more responsible drivers.

There are no studies, Lester said, that have drawn a link between high-powered snowmobiles and serious injury.

"It's an absolute grab in the scale of being criminal," Lester said.

A study by the Canadian Institute for

Health Information (CIHI) released in January 2003 showed snowmobiling to be leading cause of serious injury among winter activities. The study, however, did not attempt to draw a link between high-powered machines and injuries, said Anick Losier, Media Relations Officer at CIHI.

Losier said she was surprised to hear that insurance premiums have gone up, since the number of hospitalizations has decreased over the past four years.

In 1996, there were 1,603 injuries requiring hospitalization. In 200, there were 1,498.

The OFSC's insurance provider, Nexus Canada, could not be contacted for a comment at the time of printing.

The OFSC is in discussions with insurance companies and the Ministry of Tourism to persuade the province to lower the ceiling for liability claims.

"The insurance companies want the government to enact limits on liabilities and payments," Lester said.

Since the Ontario government has chosen to cap insurance premiums while not lowering the liability limit, the insurance companies are "screaming blue and jacking up the price," Lester said.

Lester believes Ontarians need to accept having the ceiling lowered from \$15 million to a figure similar to Quebec's limit of \$5 million. Ontario is one of the only provinces where snowmobile insurance premiums have dramatically risen, he says.

Lester referred to one pending accident claim that may eventually force an insurer to pay \$10 million to the injured party.

The problem, Lester said, is that people want to take risks but not assume any responsibility for it.

"When you enter a car you do take a risk," Lester said.

"We don't want to assume any risk, we want people to pay for it."



Paul Prentice of Prentice Power Sports says it's still possible to get insurance for \$269.

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Dig in

The Royal Canadian Legion branch in Minden hosted its third brunch and served a record 120 people for the event. Offering scrambled eggs, pancakes, fish cakes, meat pies, a new seafood section and many desserts, the legion was able to raise a profit of \$800. The Legion held earlier brunches in spring and autumn of 2003.

Beware of the latest telephone scams

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times Staff

You're just about to sit down to dinner and the telephone rings. A pleasant man on the other end of the line says, "Hi I'm from Ontario Hydro and you and your husband (he calls them by name) are such good customers we are going to give you a special deal on a cell phone."

He then asks for her credit card information so he can process the "special deal."

The lady who answered the phone says, "We were just about to have dinner, give me your number and I'll call you back."

The caller says he can't do that and hangs up.

This actually happened to a Minden lady who prefers to remain anonymous. She and her husband are retired and she admits that the caller was very persuasive and he sounded sincere. "I thought at first it was legitimate," she said. She became suspicious when he asked for her VISA number.

What really bothered her was the fact that he knew both her husband's and her first names.

She called Ontario Hydro and was told that the company doesn't do that type of promotion.

"We have enough to think about," she

said. "You have to be on your toes, even at our age."

The incident was relayed to Phone Busters. The contact person there encourages anyone who is contacted in this manner to report the incident by calling the toll-free number at 1-888-495-8501 or via the website at www.phonebusters.com.

Phone Busters wants to hear from people who have been contacted and refused to give personal information as well as those who may have been victims of such scams.

Late last week, the Ontario Provincial Police issued a press release stating that the police have received numerous complaints recently regarding telephone scams.

"It would appear that telemarketers have been calling numerous county residents of the county in regard to various subjects. Some of these calls appear to be legitimate, while others are suspicious," said Staff Sergeant Bob Walli in the release. "The Haliburton Highlands Detachment would like to remind the public that giving personal information to someone on the telephone is always a risk. If you are at all suspicious about a telephone call, hang up or ask for a number so you can call them back."

The OPP stresses that if an offer sounds too good to be true, it almost always is a scam.

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Kinmount and Norland restaurants given reprieve to upgrade water systems

After meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Environment and municipalities, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has extended the time in which food premises in Norland and Kinmount must have their water systems improved to meet safety standards.

At last week's board meetin, Dr. Alex Hukowich, medical officer of health, said there were nine restaurants in that area that had received notice from the health unit that they must install proper water disinfection and filtration systems in order to remain open.

The notice was sent after the Ministry of Environment ordered upgrades of the water systems in this area because they draw from surface water and do not have proper filtration systems in place.

The municipality has indicated it will be unable to complete upgrades to the water system until next year.

Restaurants will now have until the end of February to upgrade their own systems.



Matthew Walls/TIMES

Books for Life

Students Chantal Cyr and Katie Sutcliffe, representing Health for Life, and Clara Oyler (far right), of Friends of the Library, present a donation of children's recreation books to Elly Malcomson, a member of Minden's library board. The books are Health for Life's second of three fitness and nutrition book donations to Haliburton County libraries.

Moore Lake a bit chilly for swimming snowmobiler

A snowmobiler had a cold dip in Moore Lake last Thursday night but was able to walk to safety.

A resident of the lake noticed two snowmobiles travelling along the ice just before midnight. One of the snowmobiles went through the ice near the Gull River.

The driver got out of the water, walked up to the shore and met up with the driver of the second snowmobile.

The resident asked them if they needed any help but the offer was declined because the rider said he was okay. The two rode off prior to the arrival of the

police so their identity is not known.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment would like to remind the public that not all area lakes are safe and that people should check with local fish hut operators or other people knowledgeable about the conditions before travelling on the ice.

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There weren't many takers of water funding

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times Staff

More than half of the money made available to help farmers and rural landowners and businesses in Minden Hills and Dysart et al upgrade their water resources went largely unused in 2003, according to a report to Minden Hills council.

The Rural Water Quality Protection Program offered 50 per cent funding to any project that would help an individual or a company protect their water resources.

Thirty-four projects were completed by 21 applicants, the majority of them from Minden Hills. Only \$75,000, or one-quarter of the \$304,000 available was used. The funds are not renewable.

The program's administrator, Bill Olan, said that despite the loss of most of the grant, the response was reasonable for the area.

"We aren't shy of that [\$304,000] obviously, but it was ambitious," Olan said. "I don't think we have to feel bad about it."

Olan blamed last year's Mad Cow scare and SARS outbreak as two key factors that limited the financial resources farmers and business like resorts had to pay for their half of the project.

"Farmers [took] an awful hit this last summer ... that had nothing to do with them."

Only 50 per cent of the \$75,000 used was by farmers. The other half went to landowners and businesses.

Projects eligible for funding included: farm manure and compost storage; roof structure; eavestroughing; deadstock composting; erosion control structures; well remediation, as well as a dozen others.

Olan said the real achievement of the project was that it made farmers and rural landowners aware of what measures need to be taken to protect water resources. Advertisements were placed

in local newspapers, two public meetings were held, news of the program was widely disseminated within the Haliburton Farmers Association, and a booth was even set up at the Minden Fair.

The funding for the program was obtained by two separate applications, one from the Haliburton Farmers Association and Algonquin Highlands, and another from Minden Hills and Dysart et al.

Casey Cox, who was president of the Haliburton Farmers Association in 2003, was disappointed with the response but not surprised by it.

"It was taken up as good as can be expected with the farmers we have in Haliburton County," Cox said.

Cox said that on top of the financial troubles the mad-cow case in Alberta created for the area's farmers, Haliburton County's older farmers are more "set in their ways," and less likely to take up new technologies.

"Farmers that used it are the ones that needed it. They're the ones who are going to keep farming."

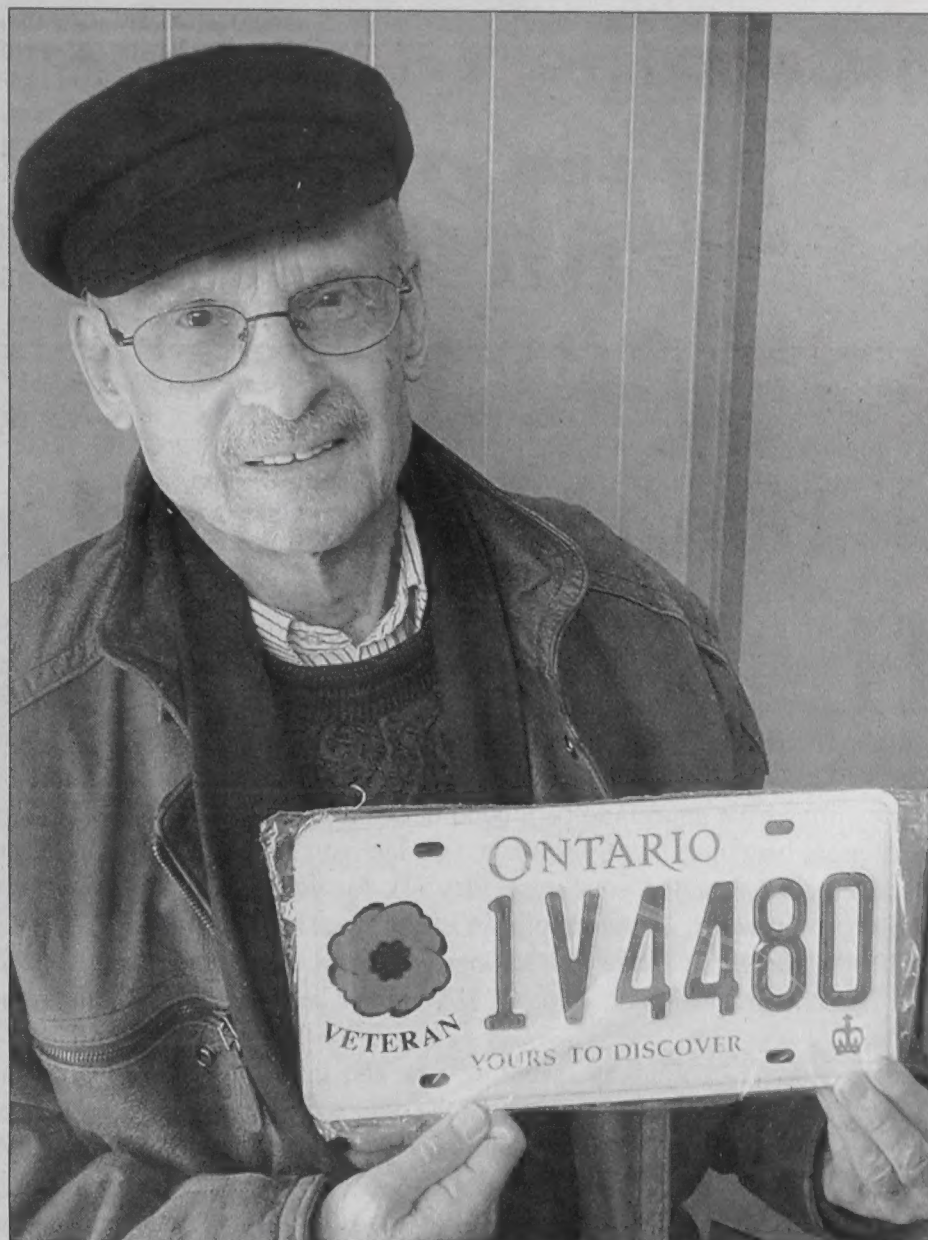
Cox said that had the municipalities and the association applied for the funds earlier, more farmers would likely have used it.

In the City of Kawartha Lakes, where the program had an earlier start, twice as many applications were made than in Haliburton County, Olan said, and over 80 per cent were by farmers.

Olan added, however, that farming is a bigger industry for Kawartha. Gross sales of farm products in the City of Kawartha Lakes net \$86 million a year, as compared to \$1 million in Haliburton County.

Ross Warburton, who owns 34 cattle, used the money he received for eavestroughing and manure storage.

Warburton said he spent as much or more on water protection last year than he expects his calf crop to net him in 2004. But, he added, "If you've got a farm, you have to do it."



Matthew Walls/TIMES

Buzz Godin proudly displays his new licence plate which honours his involvement with the Canadian armed forces during World War II.

Licence plates honour veterans

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times Staff

The provincial government announced just before Remembrance Day that special licence plates would be available for veterans. The plates feature a red poppy on the left side with the word "Veteran" under the poppy.

The plates are available to current and former military personnel, as well as RCMP officers and Ontarians who have served with allied forces.

Alex "Buzz" Godin recently picked up his new veteran licence plates, but he said very few have been issued from the Minden licence bureau and he doesn't

think local veterans are aware that the plates are available at a cost of only \$5. "It hasn't been publicized very much," he said. "I think we should get the word out." The \$5 fee goes to the Royal Canadian Legion to verify eligibility.

Leitha Grexton of the Minden Driver and Vehicle Licence Issuing Office said she couldn't give actual numbers, but she confirmed the "not very many" have been issued.

"Ontario is home to many thousands of men and women who have served faithfully to protect our country," says Transportation Minister Harinder Takhar. "This is an opportunity to recognize veterans and show them our gratitude."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Don't be scammed

Having a basic trust in our fellow man is something most of us take for granted. We tend to take things at face value. After all, most people are honest.

It may be a noble trait, but it is something scam artists use to their advantage.

They offer what appears to be a good deal, often something free or a seemingly great bargain. They try to make you feel you are somebody special and when they have gained your trust, they ask for your credit card number or banking information. These people are very persuasive.

The next thing you know, your savings are gone or your credit card is maxed out. It is not an uncommon scenario. If you have been victimized, you are not alone.

Scammers are continually inventing new and innovative ways to separate honest people from their money. Often the only way to keep up with the latest scams is to rely on tips from people who have experienced an attempt by a scam artist to victimize him or her.

The Ontario Provincial Police Anti-Rackets division has set up a program called PhoneBusters to track and deal with telephone and e-mail scams. The officers who operate PhoneBusters are eager to hear from anyone who can relate details of their experiences so they can ferret out the culprits and prosecute them – hopefully resulting in some serious punishment that will deter others who might be inclined to bilk people of their hard earned savings.

The sooner PhoneBusters personnel hear about a new scam, the faster they can issue an alert to prevent people from falling for the scam artist's pitch.

Scam artists are among the lowest of low-lives. They have no conscience. They prey on the people least able to afford losing savings – mostly retired people who are on fixed incomes. They are relentless in their pursuit of their victims' money. Don't let them get away with it.

Unfortunately, many of the victims are too embarrassed to admit they have been victimized. They admit defeat because they fear they will be vilified by family and friends for "being so gullible." That's another reaction the scam artist counts on. If the victim suffers in silence, accepting the loss and chalking it up to experience, he or she is playing right into the crooks' hands. They win.

It has often been said, but is worth repeating: If a caller promises something that seems to be too good to be true, it probably is a scam.

It would be wise to heed the OPP's advice – if a caller sounds suspicious, just hang up. Or at the very least, ask for a number so you can call back. Beware of giving personal banking or credit card information to anyone who calls you.

If you have any information that might be of assistance to PhoneBusters, the contact information is: toll free by phone - (888) 495-8501; by fax - (888) 654-9426; or by e-mail - info@phonebusters.com.

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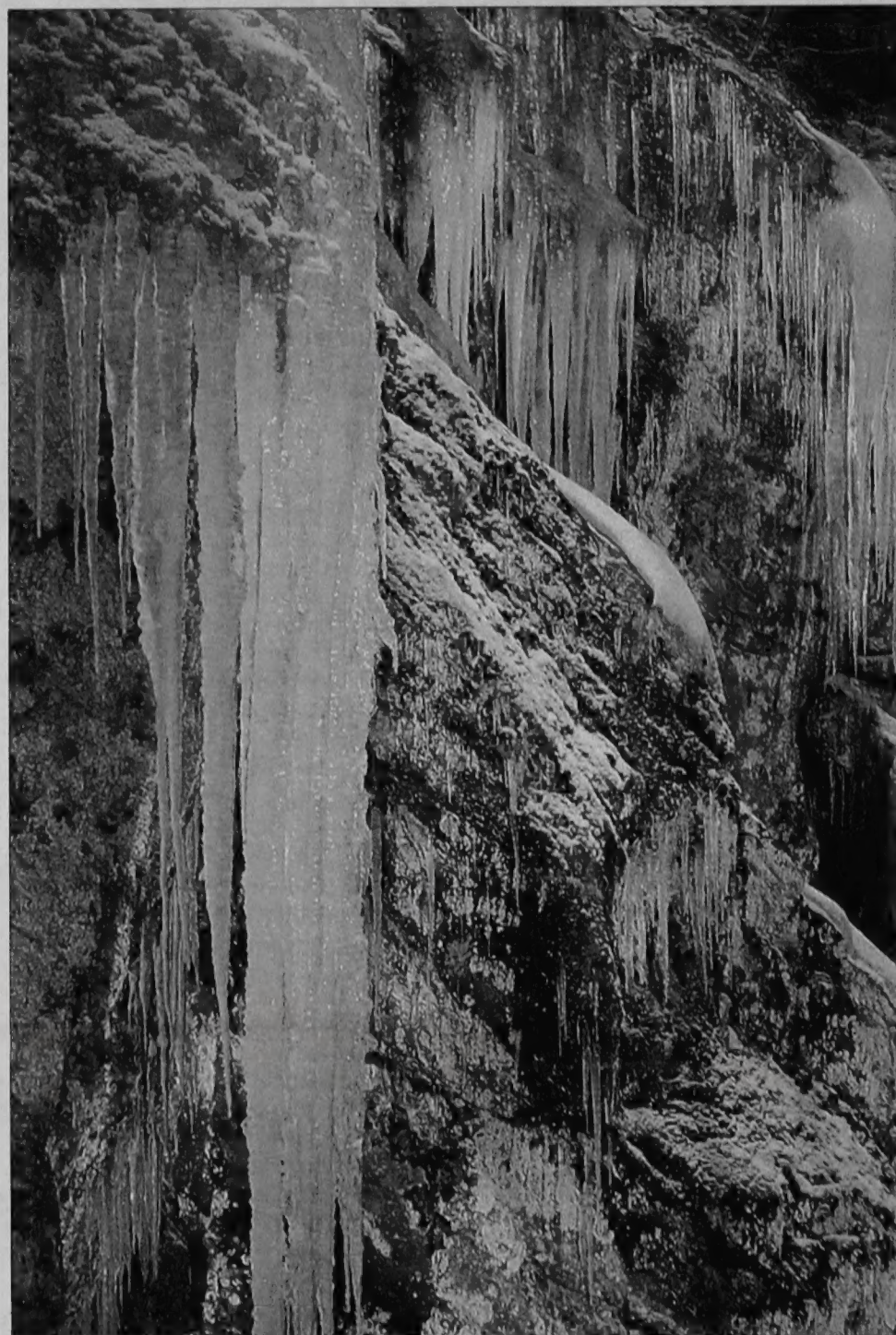
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Winter sculpture

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Insurance costs 'a crisis'

The following letter was first sent to riding MPP Laurie Scott.

Dear Laurie Scott:

As a resident of your constituency, I am writing to inform you of the serious insurance crisis that is threatening my winter recreation opportunities. This crisis jeopardizes the volunteer foundation of organized snowmobiling in Ontario and the \$1 billion winter tourism industry it generates. It is also making this enjoyable family activity unaffordable for ordinary Ontarians like me.

Soaring insurance premiums are costing me far too much money to purchase coverage for my personal snowmobile in accordance with Ontario law. Many snowmobilers and their families have already dropped out for the season or are parking second and third sleds because the cost is too high.

Soaring insurance premiums are also

costing me more through higher snowmobile trail permit fees. This user pay fee has increased to pay general liability insurance that has gone up by 1,000% over the past three seasons. Without this insurance, purchased by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) to protect club volunteers and landowners, Ontario snowmobile trails would close.

I would appreciate your bringing this critical matter to the attention of the Premier, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Tourism, and to your colleagues, to determine what prompt action can be taken to save Ontario snowmobiling.

Thank you, and I would appreciate a written reply indicating what can be done to resolve this crisis before it's too late.

Charles Gerditschke
Lutterworth

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Keeping a stiff upper lip

I don't know much about law enforcement, but I do know that it must be difficult, if not impossible, to be good at it if you don't carry an air of authority. That's why I'm fascinated by a recent policy in northern India that has police being paid an extra 65 cents a month to grow a moustache. The reason? The police commission is certain that people with moustaches exude more authority than their unshaven counterparts. With this belief firmly in place, the commission is therefore putting its money where its mouth is.

It's an interesting theory though I'm not entirely convinced that it is true.

After all, my wife doesn't have a moustache and she exudes all the authority I can handle.

Still, I've got to wonder about all this. Aside from the obvious benefits when eating beef stew, I never realized that having an upper lip covered in hair had any social advantages at all.

True, it's an obvious sign of virility. And, yes, it also provides a grasping

point for those who hang onto your every word. Also, let's not forget that a good moustache becomes even more critical in extreme survival situations. It's then that people look to those of us with unruly facial hair for remnant crumbs of food to tide them over until the rescue party arrives.

The Indian Police Commission does not care about any of this. It does, however, recognize the importance of regulating the type of facial hair that their officers will wear.

As you might have guessed, moustaches of the style made famous by the great Snidely Whiplash are not allowed. Neither are they to be so unruly as to make Gene Shallot jealous. In a word, they must be GI Joe moustaches - neat, precisely clipped and full in a wholesome, manly kind of way. If at all

possible, they should complement accompanying chest hair which, by the way, is not paid for by the department.

It also goes without saying that they must be real moustaches.

Those fake nose, glasses and moustache things would, I'm guessing, defeat the purpose. I defy anyone to act authoritatively while wearing those.

Anyhow, if you're an Indian cop and you've got the testosterone to grow a moustache, you're in the money. We're talking an extra 65 cents a month plus the money you spent on shaving cream and razors. That's a tidy little fortune when laid out over the span of a thirty-year career. And all for not shaving.

What I wouldn't give for that kind of scratch.

I know what you're thinking — the photo that accompanies this column



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

doesn't even show any whiskers. Rest assured, that's only due to the technological wizardry of the art department. Those people have worked day and night to keep my photo clean shaven and sleek. Sick as they are, they've also receded my hairline and made me shorter and pudgier in every full-body photo they've ever run of me. And, believe me, it's no small task to cover up my rippling muscles and rugged good looks.

But it's been deemed necessary.

You see, here at *The Times*, it is felt that a humour columnist should not ooze authority or even dribble it for that matter. When you look at my mug shot they want you to feel comfortable, sort of like when you're dealing with an experienced shoe salesman. It's psychological, complicated and very hard to explain to people who are unfamiliar with the nuances of print media.

Besides, they didn't want to cough up an extra 65 cents a month.

If you do go down in the woods

You like strawberries? Me too. Janet Connors used to like strawberries, but she kinda went off them after she opened a basket of strawberries in her kitchen and found a bug-eyed member of the genus *Hylidae* staring back at her. Actually, all members of the genus *Hylidae* are bug-eyed - they're tree frogs. Janet Connors kitchen scenario might have made some sense if she lived in Tampa or even Vancouver, but she lives in Ottawa and this happened in January. How does a live tree frog wind up on your kitchen counter in the middle of a Canadian winter? Simple. It came in with the groceries. There's a lot of that going on these days. A shopper in Brockville found a black widow spider in a bunch of grapes last summer. A grocery worker in Montreal fainted after a tarantula scuttled out of a bunch of bananas and ran across her hand.

We live in a global village. If we want tropical fruits and vegetables on our table in winter, we better be prepared to run into the odd tropical hitchhiker. I prefer not to think of them as intruders; more as interspecies emissaries.

Let's face it: we humans are crowding all the other terrestrial tenants on just about every front. There's bound to be some confrontations, and not all of them as benign as a tree frog hopping out of a

strawberry basket.

Take for instance, the bears. You've heard about the bear problem? Big story in the *Wall Street Journal* last month. More than 1,000 bear-versus-man encounters last year alone. People found bears raiding their garbage cans, pulling down bird feeders, snarling at backyard dogs.

Fifty-seven bears actually barged into people's homes.

And where did this happen - Prince George? Sioux Lookout? Somewhere in the Yukon?

Nope. In New Jersey.

Black bears in the suburban and rural corners of The Garden State are suddenly and unaccountably breeding like

crazy. As their numbers climb they get more and more aggressive about seeking out food.

There are ominous changes in bear behaviour on this side of the border too. Last year, wildlife officials in British Columbia heard a new beef from deer hunters. They complained of being 'scared off' by bears arriving AFTER the hunters had shot and killed a deer.

Major cultural adaptation here: the bears were responding to the sound of a gunshot, but instead of running away, they were treating it as a dinner gong.

Could it be that animals are wising up? That after millennia of being hounded by

humans they've decided to turn around and hunt us? Last week's *Globe and Mail* carried a story out of England about an angler being killed by a fish. Stanley King, who was recovering from an operation, was fishing on the banks of the Thames when he hooked what was estimated to be a 3-5 lb. barbel (It's a fish,

Arnold). The fish managed to drag King, in his weakened condition, into the water. The man then got entangled in

the line from a second rod, was swept up by the current, and drowned. Shades of Moby Dick.

Perhaps it's time to end our dog-eat-dog relationship with the other species and sue for peace. If so, we could sure use a guy like Andrew Larkey. Andrew's an Australian entrepreneur whose latest overture to the animal world is a sure-fire winner: flavoured designer water. For

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It's a message that may take some time to reach the marauding bears of New Jersey and the murderous barbels of the United Kingdom, but Rome wasn't built in a day. We'll convert domestic animals first. We'll win the hearts and minds (such as they are) of the Pekineses and the Pomeranians, then we'll move on to the Fox Terriers and German Shepherds. And one day we'll even have pit bulls eating out of (instead of just eating) our hands.

But before that gladsome time, some handy advice, should you one day find your leg being 'romanced' by an amorous pit bull: Fake an orgasm.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Student drama was excellent

To the Editor:

We went to the play "When The Autumn Moon is Bright" put on by the Grade 12 Drama Class from HHHS. If you didn't see it, you missed a great play. The young people in it were unreal. They were awesome. They deserve a lot of credit for their efforts; they had to work hard to be so good. The lines they had to learn by memory are a credit to our young people today. They put all they

had into acting their parts.

We wish all of them the best in the future. We are very proud of all of them. Everyone who went to see it, we're sure, appreciates their time & effort. Thanks for the good entertainment. Keep it up.

Don & Opal Crowe,
Elaine Anderson & Beulah Hewitt
Minden, Ontario

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Now is the time to talk politics

To the Editor:

Are you concerned with the federal Liberals under Paul Martin? Are you concerned with the new Conservative party that wants us to join the U.S.?

I want people who are concerned about the very future of our country, our health care, CPP, and poverty, to join a small conversation and focus group in the

Minden and Haliburton area to see what our options are.

We could be in crisis in the next few years if we don't at least talk about our future as a country.

For those interested, please call the number below or send an email and I will set up a meeting for us to begin our new pro-Canadian point of view.

Jim Callaghan
Minden, Ontario
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Memorial service in Kinmount for Jennifer Austin

A special memorial service will be held for Jennifer Frances Austin this summer in Kinmount.

The former Kinmount resident died at the age of 43 at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver on December 16, 2003 of a rare, degenerative brain illness.

She was born on August 12, 1960 in Minden, the daughter of Isobel and the late Harry Austin.

She grew up in Kinmount often returned to visit family and friends in the area. After earning her BA, B.Ed and M.Ed, Jennifer taught at a private school in Vancouver.

"My girls loved her," said Diane Austin, wife of John Austin of Kinmount. Jennifer was a "distant cousin" of John's. She lived across the road from John, Diane and their daughters Jane and Julie.

"She was a wonderful person," Diane said. She was a great role model for all youth. She was one of the lovely people — always admired by everyone."

Diane, a retired teacher, recalls her first day of teaching Grade 8 at the old Kinmount school. "I had never taught Grade 8 before," she said. "I was nervous and I guess it showed."

Diane said Jennifer, who was one of the Grade 8 students, called her over and reassured her that everything would be all right. "That's the type of person she was," Diane said.

Isobel Austin had moved to Vancouver to be near her daughter in September of last year.

Jennifer is lovingly remembered by her mother, Isobel; her brothers Jeffrey, Steven (Sheree) and Charles; her partner and soul mate Wesley Skakun; other family members and many friends.

The local memorial service is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 5 in Kinmount's Heritage Park.



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Getting our fill of cold weather

Gasoline station employee James Raposo endures the bitterly cold weather, pumping gas, when the thermometer dropped to minus 23° Celsius on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Schools kept students inside during recesses and lunches to make sure they didn't risk frostbite while playing outside. Some school buses had problems starting — and even staying started once they were on the road — but students were kept safe.

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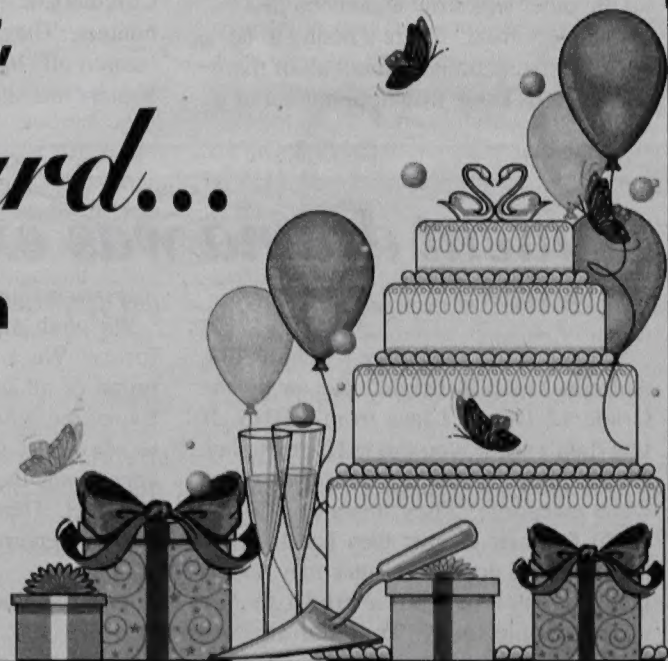
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Community farming celebrates 10th birthday

Next month Waverley Brook Farm will mark the 10th year anniversary of Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) in the Highlands of Haliburton. Each year there have been changes and lessons learned about the risks of agriculture in the Highlands. This year, along with participants' regular share, a choice box will be offered for members that sign up during January and February. This option allows the individual to pick a weekly personalized box of their choice for vegetables in season fresh from the farm.

In 1994 a group of interested folk gathered in Carnarvon to hear a talk by Jean Schlicklin (Tyler) on organic CSA gardens. With the interest in alternative food production, the group began the Haliburton Highlands CSA at Godfrey Tyler's farm on Old Donald Road. During that first season Jean and Godfrey were married and have continued to grow in many ways with family and farming. Their children, Sam (eight) and Joan (six) enjoy life on the land along with Grandpa Charlie (82). Rare breed cows were introduced as well as sheep, chickens, rabbits, donkey, goats and more over the years. This has helped round out the Bio-dynamic methods used on the land to create a healthy balance between plants, animals and people. The over all concept has seen many improvements, so the general family farm continues to grow with abundance from the land.

The family farm continues to face many challenges. As happens in agriculture, there are years that are great and years that are challenging, sometimes simply due to weather. The benefit of the CSA, with a variety of some 50 crops, is that it always has at least one crop, in any given year, that grows in abundance for members.

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Three generations of Tylers have been working the land at Waverley Brook Farm in Donald: Sam and Joan, Godfrey and Jean, and Charlie. Ten years ago the farm joined the Community Shared Agriculture program; it's hosting a celebratory open house Feb. 14.

During these past 10 years there have been over 75 local families participating. There have been many benefits in the community that were sparked by folks gathering at the farm such as socials, buying clubs, farmers, markets, other gardens, community support efforts, music groups, Tours, workshops, and many friendships. There have been interns and WWOOFers (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms) that are attracted from round the world to Haliburton. Every continent has been touched by this farm, even Antarctica with Adam Bathe sharing the story of the CSA in his travels there.

The concept of CSA has been a sustainable way to make local agriculture viable since the 70s. This is an alternative where the local consumer shares the risk and the abundance with the farmer by paying in advance for weeks of the summer and fall harvest that comes from the land. It takes many forms around the world as people grow in their desire to know where their food comes from.

Waverley Brook Farm continues to offer the regular CSA Share that gives fresh food to a family of five (half share is also available) for 16 to 18 weeks of fresh produce picked up at this local farm. A cottage share is available by the week for those here on holidays. There has been interest from members to offer a new option called "Choice Box". The available produce chosen in advance by the member will be debited to their account through the season until the prepaid amount is spent with the weekly choice

box. Thanks to Charles Tyler, the 82-year-old young farmer still working on his computer with one hand and the hoe in the other, there will be computerized records and invoices weekly. It will be fresh picked choices for the individual boxes, with quality produce from the local farm.

There will be one of those potluck open houses at the farm Saturday, Feb 14 at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come tour the farm. If you are interested in more information, a brochure with details is available. Just call Jean at 457-2214.

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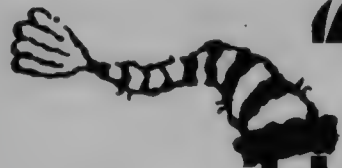
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ATV policy still has a few bends in the road

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Although it remains committed to allowing ATVs on all of its roads, Algonquin Highlands will not pass its bylaw until some administrative questions are cleared up.

There's a concern that the wording currently being considered would allow all kinds of motorized vehicles to travel on the roadways, including golf carts and dune buggies, said Mark Coles of the Haliburton ATV club at Thursday's meeting. As well, if the municipality's bylaw about what type of vehicles are allowed on roads is different than the Highway Traffic Act, which the OPP follows, then there's the possibility that any charges laid by the OPP will not stand up in court.

"If something's inconsistent between the bylaw and the Highway Traffic Act and a case goes to court, then there's a good chance the guy [who was charged] will walk," Coles said.

Another issue is speed limits. It would be better if the limits were also consistent. Right now the OPP follows the Highway Traffic Act's rule that if the posted speed limit is 80 km/h then ATVs' limit is 50; in a 50 zone, the limit would be 20. Council concurred.

Bob Walli, the staff sergeant at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, says he too prefers to have the same speed limits in the municipal books because this would allow the OPP to enforce them.

The speed limits are less of an issue in Algonquin Highlands because it only has the hamlet of Dorset. In contrast, in Dysart et al, council is considering whether to not allow ATVs to travel within the main core of Haliburton village, creating a different set of rules.

All of these issues will be addressed at the January 23 meeting of the Community Police Advisory Committee.

Now all we need is snow for snowmobilers to be out on the trails

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Last Monday, Schleifenbaum announced that he was going to immediately close the private snowmobile trails through his own property, Haliburton Forest. (Haliburton Forest and the HFOA are two separate entities, although Schleifenbaum is the managing director of the HFOA.) On behalf of the HFOA, Schleifenbaum also announced that other members would be following suit by not giving the snowmobile and ski associations permission to have trails cross their lands.

An HFOA press release stating that trails in Haliburton County were closed was picked up by media outlets throughout the province.

Schleifenbaum took such an action because the Ministry did not positively respond to the HFOA's January 12 deadline to honour the province's promise, made through the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, to assess forests at the same reduced rate as farmland.

Last summer, the Ministry's Municipal Property Assessment Corporation announced it was changing the rules and assessing managed forests at market value. Forest owners said the resulting increase in taxation would make it not feasible to manage forests in an environmentally-responsible way. One local forest owner, Lee Blair, said he would have to start logging his property in order to pay for the resulting tax increase. He told the Nordic trail association that its trails could no longer cross his property because he did not feel it was safe to have logging equipment and skiers on the property at the same time. His decision affected the main trail between Wigamog, Delta Pinestone and the Glebe Park trail and that link remains closed.

It is not exactly known how the HFOA's decision to deny access would have affected trails. About 70 per cent of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's trails cross private property but it has no figures on how many of those properties belong to HFOA members. And besides that, there hasn't been enough snow to open the trails this winter.

HCSA President Andy Chvedukas is just glad that all that is behind them now that the forest owners have decided to keep the trails intact.

"The decision will benefit everyone in the community," Chvedukas said on Saturday. "Now we can forge ahead and get snowmobilers coming back once we get snow."

Chvedukas said the club deeply values the county's forests and the permission of landowners to let trails cross their properties. It has written a letter, on behalf of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, to lobby the government to honour its commitment to MFTIP.

County council will also write a similar motion, says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who supported MFTIP in the recent municipal elections.

"Local politicians certainly understand that forest owners have a valid argument that MFTIP recognizes that farm rates should be applied," Fearrey says.

However, MFTIP also states that the province will reimburse municipalities for the loss of revenues through the lower assessments. That money was never forthcoming, putting municipalities such as Dysart et al, which has many MFTIP properties within its boundaries, in financial straights.

Fearrey says that he strongly supports the forest owners' fight against the province but says that struggle must also include having the province honour its commitment to other property owners.

"We don't support a loss in revenue," Fearrey says. "We want managed forests in this county but we have to be assured the province will treat forest owners right and the rest of taxpayers right, too."

The reduced assessment means Dysart loses tens of thousands of dollars in property tax revenues. (The second half of the MFTIP formula has been honoured; forest owners are still taxed at 25 per cent the residential rate. Municipalities are not arguing for that to be changed.)

While the HCSA waits for another six inches of snow to send its groomers out on the trails, there is skiing available. Although a trail was lost between the Kashagawigamog resorts and Haliburton village, there is a new trail at Twin Rocks Resort. There's also skiing, snow permitting, at the Frost Centre and Moosewoods.



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Storm Atom AE's third in international tourney

by MARK FREEMAN
Special to TheTimes

Niagara Falls: bright lights, big city, anticipations and expectations. Butterflies fill your stomach, "now go to sleep," only to be woken up at 6:00am to do it all over again.

Thursday, January 8 was the first scheduled game of the International Silver Stick Tournament with the Highland Storm Atom AE Team, sponsored by Curry Motors and McDonald Ticker & Associates, travelling from the Falls to Fort Erie for an 8:10 AM game against Michigan's Port Huron Flags. The scoring started fast as Chris Judge posted the first goal 30 seconds into the first period. It turned out to be the only goal scored that period.

In the second Michigan answered with three goals of their own. The Storm kept playing hard and were rewarded with a goal half way through the third by Brady Kent assisted by Chris Judge. As they pushed on the clock was running down when the streaking defenseman Jon Salvatori tied the game up. The team kept the pressure on and with 49 seconds left in the game Nick Freeman found Chris Judge whose one-timer proved to be the winning goal in this fantastic come-back victory for the Storm. Final score 4-3 for the Storm.

Then it was back to Niagara Falls for the game #2 of the round robin. The Storm was to face Highland Park Junior Scots from Dallas, Texas in the Niagara Falls Memorial Centre. This game had a scoreless first period with lots of action for goalie Rob Lewis who was up for the challenge. The stalemate was broken by Jon Salvatori in the second but was immediately answered by the Texans. This tie was erased when Samantha Tallman fed Stephan Schollig the puck to score and take the lead. This lead would last until there was 3:40 left in the third period, when the Junior Scots balanced the score board once again. The defensive core of Mike Mazara, Jonathan Rae, Samantha Tallman and Jon Salvatori stood fast as both

round robins, this meeting would end in a draw.

Friday January 9 was the last game of the round robin. The Storm was again at the Niagara Falls Memorial Centre for another early game against the host team, the Pelham Panthers, which would be the only Canadian team that the Storm would face. The Storm came out strong with three goals in the first period: Chris Judge from Jacob Kidd and Nick Freeman, Jon Salvatori from Marcie Dick and Stephan Schollig and Stephan Schollig from Mike Mazara.



The Atom AE team: (l-r, back to front) Don Lewis, trainer, Bernie Upton, coach, Andy Salvatori, assistant coach. (3rd row) Brady Kent, Jonathan Rae, Stephan Schollig, Nick Freeman, Chris Judge. (2nd row) Dillon Upton, Samantha Tallman, Marcie Dick, Jon Salvatori. (Front row) Rob Lewis, Mike Mazara, Colby Cunningham and Jacob Kidd.

In the second period Mike Mazara again found Stephan Schollig and there were two more goals in the third period, one by Brady Kent assisted by Stephan Schollig and Colby Cunningham and an unassisted goal from the point by Mike Mazara to round off the scoring in this 6-0 shut out victory for goalie Rob Lewis and the team.

After the first set of games in this round

had tallied five of the possible six points and were ranked third of the 12 teams participating in this Silver Stick Championship Tournament. This would match us to play the sixth-seeded Columbus Flames from Indiana at 1:10 in the Fort Erie Leisureplex to play the quarter final elimination game. In this "cliffhanger" game not a goal would be scored for either team until one minute into the third period when Chris Judge found the net to start things off. Just under five minutes later Columbus Flames evened the score but not for long. Forty-four sec-

come back with a goal that tied it up with only 33 seconds remaining to take the game into overtime.

The Storm prepared to come out strong for their first extended play, and that they did. Only 36 seconds into overtime Dillon Upton assisted Chris Judge for his fourth goal and the overtime victory with the final score 4-3 for the Storm. This advanced the team to the semi-finals elimination game.

Saturday January 10, with only four teams remaining, the Storm played their fifth game in the host arena in Pelham against the Nashville Ice Tigers from Tennessee. This team was very strong and the score of 11-0 in the final minutes of the game would reflect that. But the Storm never quit or surrendered. They all continued to push ahead and work hard and with 1:30 left on the clock in the third period Dillon Upton moved the puck to Marcie Dick who would find Chris Judge to break the Nashville shut out. Final score was 11-1 for Nashville Ice Tigers.

Who won? Nashville Ice Tigers played the final game against New York with Nashville winning the championship title.

The Storm's outstanding performance saw them close the tournament as International Silver Stick Semi-Finalists. Congratulations for an excellent job well done to this amazing team, the coaching staff and their families.

Players are goalie Rob Lewis, forwards Chris Judge, Marcie Dick, Brady Kent, Stephan Schollig, Jacob Kidd, Colby Cunningham, Dillon Upton and Nick Freeman; defensive players Jonathan Rae, Samantha Tallman, Jon Salvatori and Michael Mazara. They are coached by a very supportive coaching staff: Bernie Upton, Andy Salvatori, Don Lewis and Janice Lewis as Manager. A special thanks goes to all the wonderful parents and to the Highland Storm executive for making such an event possible where the Highland Storm Atom AE team was able to showcase themselves in an International Competition.

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Beavers edged out by JDH Jaguars

North Zone Volleyball Tournament pits local school teams against each other and strong visiting competition

Tournament highlights

Archie Stouffer Elementary School's senior girls volleyball team travelled to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School to compete at the annual JDHES North Zone Volleyball Tournament.

First match action pitted the ASES Beavers against the JDHES Jaguars in front of a Jaguar partisan crowd. Despite the overwhelming support for the Jaguars the Beavers soundly defeated the Jaguars in the opening game, 25-20. They were unable to maintain their momentum from the first game's strong performance and lost the second (12-25) and third game tie-breaker (13-15).

After the second game, where the Jaguars put together a strong start and rode the early lead to a win by 13 points, the Beavers turned the tables on the home team at the start of the tie-breaking third game. ASES player Jess Pottier started the game with her serve, stringing together consecutive well placed serves and with the support of her teammates were able to jump to a 7-0 lead.

The Jaguars took full advantage of the home crowd support and chipped away at the lead until edging out the Beavers by two points.

The Beavers finished fourth in the tournament.

First place tournament finisher the Bobcaygeon Lakers and second place Langton Lakers qualified for the district competition this Thursday in Lindsay.

Coached by Lori Reddering the team members are: Jess Pottier, Coral Pratt, Elizabeth Lopez, Brooke Hamilton, Melissa Armstrong, Jakie Ransen, Victoria Hilliard, Tori Brown, Christiana Walker, Chantel Cyr, Kandice Guillon, and Holly Johnston.

Results:

ASES 23	ASES 4
BES 25	LES 25
ASES 4	ASES 13
BES 25	LES 25



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Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Jess Pottier settles under a serve from JDHES and passes the ball to a teammate. Pottier was a standout in this game, earning several kills and aces in the match that was decided in a tie-breaker.



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The ASES players on the bench are tense watching the tie-breaking game against JDHES unfold.



The Archie Stouffer Girls Volleyball team finished in fourth place but showed plenty of skilled and determined play, like the effort shown above.



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The Senior Red Hawks overcame a five point deficit early in the third quarter against the LCVI Spartans with an aggressive defense that caused several turnovers. Also, clutch shooting down the stretch gave the Red Hawks a win at home early last week. Point Guard Conrad Flatman passed to an open Brad Mickle for the easy layup to give the Red Hawks the team's final lead with 5:22 left in the fourth quarter. HHSS went on to hold the lead and take the win in front of a jubilant crowd, 44-37. Mickle led scorers with 17 points while Daryl Arbour scored 14 points and Flatman added 14 points.

Red Hawks come up short

Sr. B ballers struggle to find the net, drop match to Fenelon

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

HHSS 30
FFSS 42

The Red Hawks were facing two challenges in their first home game after the holidays: the Fenelon Falls Falcons and a lid over the net.

Despite the team's anemic shooting from both the floor and the line (8/21), the Red Hawks were only down by seven points.

With the score 22-16 for the Falcons at the half, the Red Hawks could only manage to narrow the gap to five points by the end of the third quarter.

Every point was a battle as each team stifled offensive chances throughout the game.

At the start of the fourth quarter the team's energy was high as their hope to tie looked like they'd be fulfilled. The Red Hawks' Ross Gerry went strong to the net. His attempt drew two foul shots. Gerry sank one of two and the team was within four points of equalizing. Off the missed foul shot the Red Hawks took the loose ball on the ground from a scramble, but the team's shot attempt fell short.

With 5:22 left in the fourth quarter the Red Hawks were poised to even the game up after losing for most of the game.

A three-pointer spelled the end of the Red Hawks' comeback to increase the Falcons' lead back to seven points. The Falcons took over the game with a 9-2 run to end the game.

This was the second meeting between the two teams.



HHSS guard Zach Joanu lets shot off in a game against the visiting Fenelon Falls Falcons. Joanu tied Brendan White for top scoring on the Red Hawks with 10 points.

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Win gives Red Hawks four point lead at top of the league

by **DARREN LUM**
Times staff

Running a shortened bench isn't slowing down the Red Hawks' attack on the ice.

With seven players out of the lineup for the first post-holiday home game against the Thomas A. Stewart Griffins, the Red Hawks didn't show any ill effects as they powered to an easy 7-2 win.

The win gives the Red Hawks a 9-2-2 record and sole possession of first place among AA teams in the Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League. With 20 points they lead the league by four points over second place Adam Scott Lions and the Lakefield DSS Tigers who each have 16 points.

Even with the Griffins clogging up the neutral-zone passing lane the Red Hawks took little time to get things going. But once they did the offensive flood gates opened up and the eventual scoring tidal wave overwhelmed the visiting team.

Although the Red Hawks scored on only their third and fourth shots they organized in the offensive zone for scoring chances rather than taking the long-range shots made by the Griffins.

Leading by two goals the Griffins worked hard to get on the board and raised their intensity, hitting in the open ice and dumping the puck in on nearly every rush. The Red Hawks defensive units responded, moving the puck out of the zone with quick passes and strong clearing attempts off the boards to their swift wingers flying down the sides. HHSS forwards used their speed and

accurate passing to clear the zone from the forechecking Griffins.

Coach Ron Yake said the team performed very well with the shortened bench. Included on the absentee list were three of their AAA players: defenseman Josh Fick and the team's leading scoring forwards Evan Kernohan and Benji Saunders.

The entire team pulled up the slack. In particular, the forward line of Kevin Walker, Jesse Johnson, and Sean Keaney each tallied three points and their strong forechecking deep in their opponents' end helped to keep the Griffins' defense reeling. Also, their strong cycling of the puck down low in the corners and behind the net caused havoc, resulting in several scoring chances aside from the ones that went in.

Jason Abbs (12) played hard-nosed hockey all over the ice, hitting anything in a Griffins uniform. His presence on the ice late in the game created more room for his teammates simply by his physical play.

Yake said it was his best game of the season.

HHSS goaltender Andy Dawson played solidly throughout the game said Yake.

Later in the game the Griffins resorted to long-range shots when the Red Hawks clamped down defensively. Dawson handled those shots easily with few rebounds.

Notes: Kernohan continues to lead Red Hawks scorers with 17 points (12 goals, 5 assists) despite missing a few games. Jesse Johnson is second on the team with 16 points (7 goals, 9 assists) while Saunders has 14 points (3 goals, 11 assists) and Kevin Walker has tallied 13 points (6 goals, 7 assists).

With 20 points from nine wins, two ties and only two losses in 13 games the HHSS Red Hawks lead the league by four points over second place Adam Scott Lions and the Lakefield DSS Tigers who each have 16 points.



HHSS player Kenton McGann breaks by his check during the second period of a home game against the Thomas A. Stewart Griffins. Red Hawks won 7-2. They are the best team in Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League standings for AA teams with a 9-2-2.

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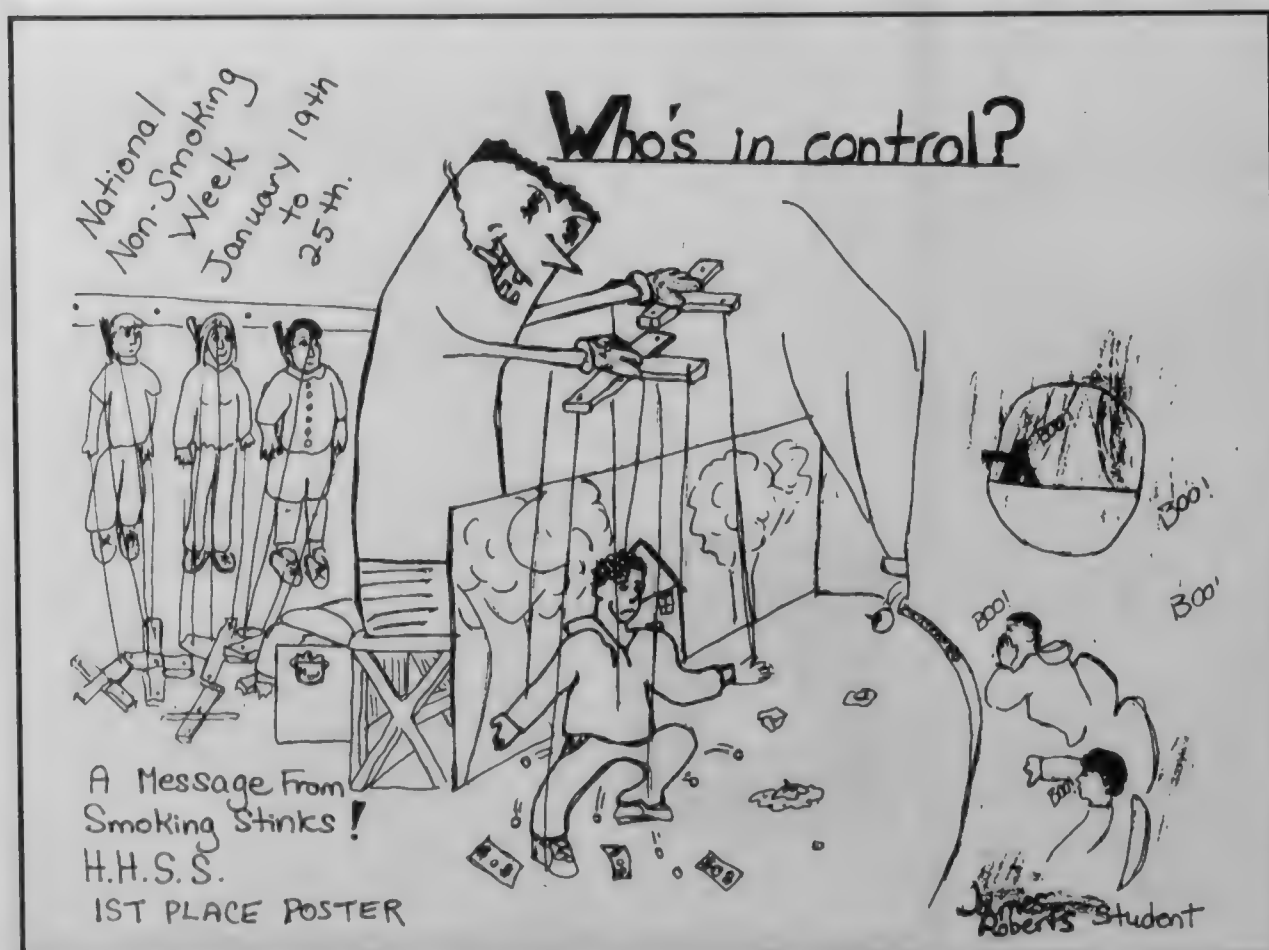
by **BLAKE PATON**
Special to The Times

The old-timers grumbled for the past three weeks about how winters always had more plentiful snow in the old days. Skiers managed to endure that grumbling and a genuine lack of snow to start skiing in mid-January after a bit of a hiatus (although we started on November 29th).

The major challenge has been cold temperatures, and people were willing to ski in colder temperatures than they normally would because of a need to complete training programs or a need to get out of the house.

It's easy to enjoy skiing in the cold, and it's all a matter of correct preparation.

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When you're prepared, skiing in the cold offers many rewards, so get out there

from page 16

If you are skiing in the cold, then you will find classic skiing far easier than skating. The polished track has better glide and it is easier to regulate your effort. Also, it is easy to choose a wax: Swix Polar has long been the favourite for skiing below -15°C.

Avoid the temptation to overdress. Getting sweaty is not the way to go. Wear a neck warmer and balaclava and put on a vest instead of a jacket — preferably one with a mesh back so that you do not create a sauna effect.

A coat of Vaseline on the face will help prevent frostbite. The major frost bite danger is downhills, so control your speed and shield your face, if possible.

Finally, get out and enjoy the weather. It is surprising how enjoyable a sunset is in the cold, crisp air. Cold weather is a bit like a getting a vaccination: the most terrible part is the worrying beforehand. The reality is that, once you're moving, skiing on cold days is lots of fun,

plus you get the brag to your sedentary friends about how tough you are (you may not wish to reveal how easy it is).

Many people want to lose weight at this time of year, but, unfortunately, they often focus only on reducing calorie intake. The fact is, you can increase results by using more calories through exercise. Also, cardiovascular exercise will improve your health in ways that dieting can not. Just get out there.

As you go forth on the trails, please remember that the Haliburton Nordic Trails system was forced to close some key trails in the Pinestone and Wigamog area. This is regrettable but unavoidable. Please get updated versions of the trail maps at <http://skihaliburton.8m.com>. Also, watch for an article next week about the rehabilitated Twin Lakes Trails.

Bowling

scores

Carnarvon bowling

Tuesday Afternoon League

(January 13)

High average: Ken Thompson 219; Lillian Mattsson 179, Jean Pugh 179

High single: Ken Thompson 313; Jean Pugh 261

High single (handicap) Ken Thompson 321; Jean Pugh 299

High triple: Ken Thompson 850; Jean Pugh 637

High triple (handicap) Ken Thompson 874; Jean Pugh 751

Wednesday Afternoon League

(January 14)

High average: Ken Thompson 211; Jean Pugh 169

High single: John Whitty 237; Jean Pugh 235

High single (handicap) John Whitty 261; Jacquie Chamberlain 294

High triple: John Whitty 635; Jean Pugh 587

High triple (handicap) John Whitty 707; Jean Pugh 725

Thursday Afternoon League

(January 15)

High average: Alf Briscoe 234; Moe Briscoe 184

High single: Alf Briscoe 259; Moe Briscoe 253

High single (handicap) Alf Briscoe 284; Moe Briscoe 316

High triple: Alf Briscoe 702; Moe Briscoe 553

High triple (handicap) Alf Briscoe 777; Moe Briscoe 742

Minden bowling

(January 12)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 184; Leitha Stearn 147

High single: Bob Vankoughnet 225; Arla Pollard 192

High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 534; Arla Pollard & June Anderson 444

High single (handicap) Bob Vankoughnet 255; Arla Pollard 272

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Elvis alive!! Marking Elvis Presley's birthday Joe Fisher, a local entertainer, visited with the Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) Adult Day Program participants and Hyland Crest residents at the Minden Health Facility on Thursday, Jan. 8. Elvis would have been 69-years-old this year.

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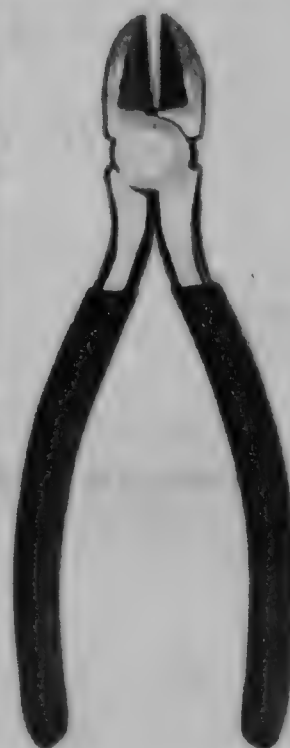
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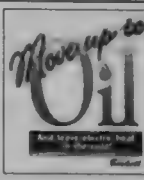
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Fundraising under way for Kinmount Centre

Reluctant as I was to celebrate yet another birthday, January 14th turned out to be a great day with good friends visiting and bringing with them homemade lasagna and birthday cake. Historical weather records show that January 14th was the coldest day ever on the books when temperatures in Siberia set an all time low back in 1734. Other significant events included the invention in 1957 of the frisbee when employees at an American bakery started throwing pie plates around and decided to market the idea. Closer to the heart of this confessed knitting addict was learning that the World Crochet Record was set in 1981. That record of 147 stitches per minute for a 30-minute period still stands today. I wonder what the World Knitting Record would be? Maybe if it's time to set one here at the old farmhouse. The tourism potential could be considerable.

Thanks to Cathy King for sending along the following items about events at the Kinmount Legion. First a note of appreciation. Branch 441 Legion Kinmount wishes to thank the following who donated towards the Children's Community Christmas Party on December 14th, including the Kinmount & District Lions Club, Kinmount Seniors, Branch 441 Ladies Auxiliary, the Byrnes family and everyone who donated to the "Xmas Jar". We also appreciate everyone that helped that day with a very special thanks to "Santa".

Here are the results of the December 17th Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Branch 441 Legion Kinmount. Pearl Lawton was first at 346, Judy Howe second at 339 and Vera Hicks third at 327. Mark your calendars now for

the next Big Bucks Bid Euchre to be held at the Legion on Wednesday, January 21st at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch.

One more date for the calendar: On Saturday, January 17th Branch 441 will be holding a Karaoke Night with "Back Forty" which starts at 9:00 p.m.

The Volunteer Board of Management at the Kinmount

Community Centre has planned a series of fund-raising events to support the required renovations to the kitchen area. Its target goal is \$7,500. Dust off your dancing shoes for Saturday, March 6th and join "D.J." Tom Williamson at the Centre. Tom will play a variety of music for all ages, and requests are welcome. Tickets will be \$10/person, limited in number by hall regulations, and available soon.

Other events in the planning stage include a Dinner Theatre evening with the Lindsay Little Theatre [a great success on the previous occasion] in June and a local Garden Tour in July. Watch the column for further details as they become available, and be sure to add your support to these volunteer efforts on behalf of our community and its residents.

The next regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held on Wednesday, February 11th at the Minden Legion Branch 636, Highway 35. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the Speaker at 7 p.m. Guy Scott, Kinmount historian and

teacher, will talk about "Country Fairs" across Canada [but most particularly in our area], the subject of his new book soon to be published. There will be the usual "Bring & Win" raffle and special Valentine refreshments available. For further details contact Gail Leach-Wunker at [705] 286-2225.

Everyone welcome.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and

well. They go together.

Thursday, January 8 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Most lone hand holders for ladies/men were Ev Johnson and Bob Pollard with Arla Pollard high lady and John Mallon high man. The evening's lows were recorded by Lois Adams and Tom Orr while the other prizes were won by Flo Roussel, Edith Burch, Kay Orr, Pearl Cowen and Maxine Cross.

Friday, January 9 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: Playing the Howell system in first place were Muriel and Doug McIntosh 60% followed by Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher second at 56% and Stella McMillan partnered with Margo Davidson third at 53%.

Friday, January 9 bid euchre at Club 35: Single moonshots went to Rob Evans, Marj Coffey and Betty D'Ambrosio while Sharon Evans took two. Leading the pinks was Sharon Evans 262 then Jean Scadden 236 and Jean Dutka 221. Topping the charts for the white cards was Rob Evans 297 followed by Stan Dutka 280 and Verna Sawyer

239. It was our own reporter Mary Pearson who uncovered the hidden score.

Friday, January 9 euchre at Staanworth Court: June Branning reports that this new program got off to a good start and that new players are welcome to come out for cards at 7 p.m. A light lunch is included in the charge for the evening of \$2.

Saturday, January 10 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Taking top honours was Ruth Kellett 317 with Kevin Maloney next at 268 and Rob Evans 267 a close third. Hidden score holders were Marcel Roussel, Sharon Evans and Don Burch while moonshots landed on Pat Roussel, Elli Langpohl, Kevin Maloney, Margaret Fletcher and Rob Evans.

Monday, January 12 euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Elaine Yeo reports it was Doreen Francis winning for high hands, June Branning for lone hands and Martha Harding for low hands. The special prize winner was Pearl Cowen. A warm welcome back goes to Georgina Deeks from the group and a thank you to Gala Stamp for her help when Elaine was off.

Monday, January 12 euchre at Club 35: In the lone hands column it was Colleen Davison with Verna Sawyer taking home the special prize. High scores were a family affair going to Jean and Stan Dutka while Barb Robitaille and Leroy Mowat recorded the evening's lows. Stan Dutka also won the baloney.

Monday, January 12 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Syd Adamson led the top trio followed by Pat Roussel and Don

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Aiming high: Card players shoot for the moon

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Burch. The special prize winners were Gwen Cox, Don Burch and Jean Scadden.

Monday, January 12 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: In first was Roger Fournier with Vic Ballik taking second spot. Our reporter Mildred St. Thomas had the only two moonshots with Gala Stamp and Isobel Cherwenka winning the draws.

Tuesday, January 13 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Marie Dennie reports it was Kevin Maloney taking the lead at 332 with Marcel Roussel 266 second and Len Kroes third at 247. Single moonshots struck Georgie Parkes, Len Kroes, Pat Roussel, Kevin Maloney and Milton Fletcher with Marcel Roussel taking two. Hidden score holders were Norm Lee, Elli Langpohl and Ida Young and everyone joined in the birthday greetings to Iris Taylor.

Tuesday, January 13 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: High score honours for ladies/men went to Emily Harvey and Gerald Hicks while Isabelle Saunders and Ralph Young tallied the evening's lows. Harold Harvey held the most lone hands while Norm Lee took the special draw. Helen Burk reports there were four "skunks" during the game but the names will remain anonymous.

Tuesday, January 13 contract bridge at Stanhope: Diane Boll and Margo Davidson took the only Slam of the

afternoon with Margo also winning the lucky draw. Leading the scoring was Harold Cox 5700 with June Branning second at 4830 and Chuck Wilson third at 4480. For his Special "H.T.H." Award everyone joined in singing the praises of their top player with a hearty rendition of "Hark the Harold Angels."

Tuesday, January 13 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: In top spot was the team of Helen Skelding and Grace Berardi with 348 followed by Syd Lockhart and Beverley Alexander at 315 and Belle Walker partnered with Marj Hamilton 248. Low score holders were Lill Allen and Lottie Ruttan with 83. Syd Lockhart reminds that the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre will be closed for repairs beginning Monday, January 26th to Monday, February 9th.

Wednesday, January 14 bid euchre at Stanhope: Alf Helleman, Tom Orr and Alf Whyman had single moonshots. Leading the pinks was Betty D'Ambrosio with 337 then Helen Windsor 287 and Sharon Evans at 286. For the white cards it was Rob Evans 331 first, Alf Whyman 281 second and Garth Windsor 264 third. Thanks to Gala Stamp for her update.

Wednesday, January 14 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In first place were Jim Aikman and Vic Mathews at 60% followed by Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf

54% and Grace Boice partnered with Judy Neimann 53%. Thanks to Ross Fletcher for all the bridge reports.

Wednesday, January 14 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Pauline Franzen took the high score and Rose Isaacson the low while Bill St. Thomas led the gents and Truman McNeil recorded the low. Frank Franzen held the most lone hands and also won the draw prize.

Feathered friends get help surviving winter's cold



Anne Carr feeds a chickadee at Sharon Lake on Jan. 10.

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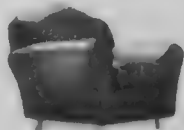
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Come out and make the most of winter this weekend

The winter weather has finally arrived here in the Haliburton Highlands and Stanhope has been blessed with snow! I know, I know, we all hate shoveling and salting and paying for the plow. But without the snow we can't have great winter sports and winter carnivals. Since winter is the longest season of the year, we might as well make the most of it.

Speaking of making the most out of winter, there are some great things going on in the upcoming weekend. Don't forget to purchase your ribbon for the Stanhope Winter Fun Day. Fun Day is on Saturday January 24th from 11am to 3pm. There is something for everyone at this one-day event, so don't miss it. Admission Ribbons can be pre-purchased from the Stanhope Township office on North Shore Road, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. We are looking for volunteers, if you need community hours for school or simply want to get involved, give us a call to see where you can help. In order to make some of our events happen, we are looking for the donations of margarine tubs (with lids) and hockey pucks. If you have some of these odds and end kicking around please drop them off at the Stanhope Township office or give us a call and we will pick them up.

Chill out and warm up at a Skating Party on Friday January the 23rd! The skating party is taking place at the outdoor public skating rink on North Shore Rd, under the pavilion behind the fire hall. The evening runs from 7pm to 9pm and is free of charge. Bring your skates and some friends, you'll have a blast. Hot chocolate will be on sale to keep you all warm inside and there will be a bonfire blazing to warm you on the outside. Everyone is welcome!

If you are a senior 55+ or a physically disabled 18+ member of the community, the Haliburton County Home Support Services is there to lend a helping hand. Wheels to Meals is just one of the organized outings that Support Services has to offer. Wheels to Meals allows you to meet and pre-arrange a restaurant outing on pre-arranged dates and times. These balanced, healthy and complete meals are offered at a fixed rate. Haliburton Support Service hopes to encourage people to get out and meet new people and become active in the community. We all know that



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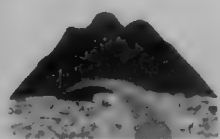
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cooking for yourself seems like a bother! Support Services wants to encourage those who may live by themselves to enjoy a balanced meal. If you are interested in taking part in Wheels to Meals or other organized outings by the Haliburton County Home Support Services, please call Ida at 705-457-2941.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands office staff would like to send get well wishes to Elinore Kleinschmidt. Elinore recently fell and broke her hip and has been staying in Kitchener but is safe and sound at home now. We hope you get better soon!

For the more adventurous folk in Stanhope, the Trails and Tours Network of Stanhope is hosting an Introductory Ice Climbing Workshop. The workshop will be held on January 24th at Camp Medeba in West Guilford. For details and to register, contact the Trails and Tours Network at 705-489-4049 or e-mail info@trailsandtours.on.ca

Bundle up and keep yourself warm and involved in the community this winter season. Stanhope has something that will suit your style. Explore what the community has to offer and make the most of it. If you have something to share with the community, let us know! Call Alisha Stevens Monday to Friday at 705-766-9968 or Wednesday to Friday at 705-489-2379. You can also e-mail me at alisha_stevens20@hotmail.com



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AMENDED NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: January 29, 2004
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: 7 Milne Street, Municipal Council Chambers
RZ-03-08 (William Royal GEDDIS)

PURPOSE OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-law No. 86-26 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 16, Concession 13 (Part 16, Plan 19R-2405) in the Geographic Township of Minden from Rural (RU) to Carnarvon Commercial - C5 Exception 44 (C5*44).

A map is attached to this notice indicating the lands subject to this amendment. The same lands are also subject to an application for site plan agreement with the Township and a copy of the site plan will be available for public review at the Building and Planning Office on Highway 35 south of Minden.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of the application is to change the zoning on the above-noted land to permit the commercial activities in the Carnarvon Commercial Zone together with the manufacturing and selling of floating docks along with dock accessories such as boat lifts, ladders and bumpers.

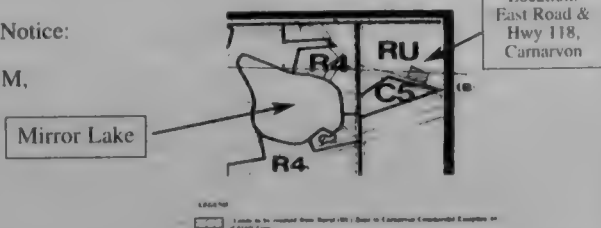
Previously, the applicant had indicated an Industrial type of business would be operating from this location, however, the owner has requested that the property be rezoned to permit the uses in the Carnarvon Commercial Zone together with the manufacturing of docks.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the application. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision, please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Clerk.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Minden Hills in respect of the proposed amendments but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Additional information regarding the proposed the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Office located on Highway 35 on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Information may also be provided by contacting Elinor Burke, Planning Administrator at (705) 286-1541.

Mailing Date of this Amended Notice:
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Public Notice Class Environmental Assessment Fish Stocking in New Waters

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is inviting public comment on the proposal to stock walleye, rainbow trout and brook trout into 12 local lakes in the MNR's Bancroft District, Minden Area. The purpose of this proposal is to provide increased angling opportunities for these species within the district. These are new species introductions into waterbodies that presently do not have these fish species.

The lakes and fish species the Ministry is proposing to stock are:

Lake	Township	Purpose of Fish Introduction	
		Put-Grow-And-Take	Naturally Reproducing
Barnum	Dysart	walleye	-
Black	Dysart	walleye	-
Loom	Galway	walleye	-
Cinder	Hindon	-	walleye
Cranberry	Guilford	-	walleye
De Gaulle	Galway	-	walleye
Fishog	Digby	-	walleye
Lavery	Harvey	-	walleye
South Jean	Hindon	-	walleye
Tedious	Guilford	rainbow trout	-
Two Island	Dudley	rainbow trout	-
Kennisis	Havelock	brook trout	-

A project screening is being conducted under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects to assign this proposal to a category for evaluation.

The assigned category determines the level of detail of the project planning evaluation and the amount of consultation that will be undertaken. This proposal has been tentatively assigned to Category B, on the basis that little or no public concern is anticipated with the proposal. Each lake will be assessed individually, and may be removed from the proposal if there is a high level of environmental and/or public concern. MNR is requesting public input on this category assignment before proceeding further.

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on **February 11, 2004**. The second notice - a notice of completion - will be provided only to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. MNR may proceed to implement the proposal without issuing a further general notice.

For more information on the proposal, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact

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The MNR is collecting comments and personal information under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act to assist in making decisions and determining any further consultation needs. All comments and opinions, which do not constitute personal information as defined by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, will be shared among MNR, other government agencies and may be included in study documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For more information on the collection and use of the personal information, contact: Vince Ewing, Acting Information Management Supervisor, P.O. Box 500, Highway 28, Bancroft, Ontario, K0L 1C0. Tel.: 613-332-3940, ext. 208



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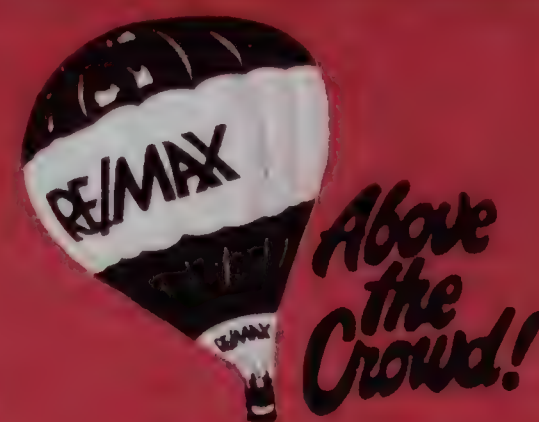
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The Adult Broomball Tournament taking place at the carnival on Friday night beginning at 8pm is trying something new... a chance to win

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The 7th Annual Dorset Dinner and Music Night held on Saturday, January 10 was once again a success with lots of talent participating. Rudi Jock entertained with his accordion and singing, Ryan Robinson-Hatton played selections on the piano and trombone, Cody Thompson played guitar and sang cover tunes as well as an original, Sarah Jane and Graham Johnson played cello and violin and John Thompson played some favourites on the piano. MC Joe Alfano also wailed a few tunes on his alto sax. Thanks to the Dorset Lifeliners for another wonderful dinner, to all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up, to all the musicians and to all who came out on such a cold night.

Dorset Community Kitchen is hosting a

"Lotsa Pasta" day Thursday, January 22 beginning at 9am. The group will be making ravioli and noodles from scratch. Space is limited and the cost is \$30 (or less) per person. Call 766-9968 to register.

Dorset Family Movie Night is showing "Daddy Day Care" on Friday, January 23 beginning at 7pm. Free admittance - free popcorn and prizes. Pop and treats will be available to purchase. Donations gratefully accepted. For more information, you can call 766-9968.

Dorset Community Policing is hosting a Child ID centre at the winter carnival and orga-

DORSET NEWS

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nizers urge Dorset parents to update their children's ID packages. Even if your child has already been done, it is important to bring a recent photo of your child.

The Dorset Volunteer Fire Department will serve dinner & refreshments at Hollow Valley Lodge on Saturday, January 31, 2004 as a fundraiser to sponsor a child at Camp Bucko - a camp for burned children. Refreshments will be served at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$17.50 per person and includes chicken and ribs, potato, salad and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Lincoln Miller. Reserved seating only. For tickets call Donna at 766-9253.

The date has been set and planning is complete for the annual Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset Poker Rally and St. Valentine's Dance. The Rally will take place on Saturday, February 14 beginning at 10am. For more information, call Barb at 705-766-2108 or Donna at 705-766-9253 or check out their website at www.tallpines.org

Birthday wishes for January 18 to 24 go out to Dave Bradbury, Samantha Black, Shirley Brown, Madison Allore, Dave McDonald, Darryl Dukoff and Happy Anniversary to Rick and Doris Nash. Have a wonderful day!

Minden and area weather for December

by PHIL GRAHAM

Happy New Year! The old year has gone but let us hope for a good year and pleasant weather. Last year was passable except for the usual storms and wind. The last two months were quite windy and wet. Winter has set in as of January 7, 2004.

The December average temperature was -4.0°C, slightly warmer than last December. Precipitation was just the same as last December but last year we had it in the form of snow - last December 31, 17 cm. on the ground, this year just a few patches around.

The ice on the lakes is not too thick yet but January will strengthen it. The conditions during Christmas and New Year's was excellent for skating on small lakes and ponds.

Average high: .2°C; 32.3°F
Average low: -8.2°C; 17.2°F
Average for the month: -4.0°C; 24.8°F
Average for last December: -5.4°C; 22.2°F
Highest temperature December 28: 8.0°C; 46.4°F
Lowest temperature December 3: -19.0°C; -2.2°F
Rain: 57.2 mm; 2.2 in
Snow: 20 cm; 7.8 in
Total precipitation: 77.2 mm; 3.0 in
Total precipitation for last December: 71.2 mm; 2.2 in
Snow on ground December 31: Trace
Snow on ground last December 31: 17 cm; 6.6 in
Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Dec. 31: 38 cm; 15 in
Days mostly sunny: 13
Days with snow or rain: 12
Days with freezing rain: 1



Trivia: Names of hurricanes this season from September to November include Erika, Fabian, Grace, Henri, Isobel, Juan, Kate, Larry, Mindy and Nicholas. A to D have come and gone.

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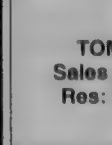


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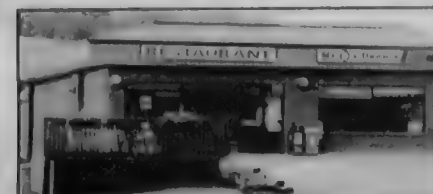
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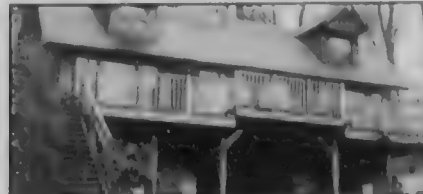
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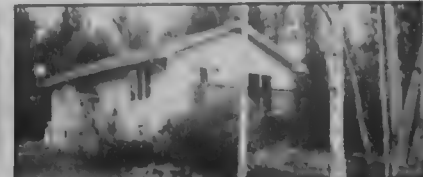
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290 COMING EVENTS

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aboriginal arts, arts education)
Sponsored by the Arts Council
for Haliburton County
and the
Haliburton County
Development Corporation
Monday, January 26
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
At Sir Sandford Fleming
College, Sisco Centre
Haliburton Village
Fee: \$10.00
Please pre-register
Call Jim Blake at
(705) 457-5278

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H.H. FIELD NATURALISTS

invites
Snowshoers to
"Explore Snowdon Park"
Sunday, January 25th
11 am
Bring some lunch.
Snowdon Park entrance
is on County Road 1,
200m south of South Lake
Road junction, signs on West
side. Go 300m in to parking lot.
Call Peter 754-2351
if you want to join us.

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HIGHLANDS SQUASH CLUB

OPEN HOUSE
Friday, January 23
7-9 pm
Cash bar
Bring your racquet
and give it a try.
Located in the Haliburton
Curling Club building.
457-2862

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ICE CLIMBING WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 24th
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Hosted by: Haliburton
Highlands Trails & Tours
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Watch for more upcoming work-
shops including snowmobiling,
dogsledding, snowshoeing,
winter survival skills
and x-country skiing.

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290 COMING EVENTS

**MINDEN & DISTRICT
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**
Annual General Meeting
& Pot Luck Luncheon
Sat., February 7 - 12 noon
at
Our Lady of Fatima
Catholic Church
Please bring your own place
setting and cutlery,
along with your pot luck dish.
Guest Speaker:
Jim Thompson, local naturalist
Presentation on
Garden Flowers
"CANADA BLOOMS"
Wed. March 3, 2004
\$45.00
Bus Trip Bookings
Leaves Minden Municipal
Offices 7:30 a.m.
Returns Same 9-9:30 p.m.
Call Pat Dearborn
to reserve tickets, 286-5127
2004 Horticultural Membership
\$5.00 required for bus trip
- available at Luncheon
Everyone Welcome

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Minden Hills Cultural Centre

is hosting a
**Visioning and Community
Needs Workshop**
at the
Minden Community Centre
Saturday, January 31st
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Centre is entering an im-
portant time in its history. We
are taking steps towards strate-
gic planning for an energetic,
relevant, and economically re-
sponsible future with the Agnes
Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills
Museum and Minden Public Li-
brary, a branch of the Halibur-
ton County Public Library. If you
are interested in participating in
this discussion/workshop day,
facilitated by LORD Cultural Re-
sources Planning and Manage-
ment, please RSVP before
January 26th by leaving a
message at the Agnes Jamie-
son Gallery, 286-3763. Lunch
generously provided by the
Minden Women's Institute.

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ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT

Haliburton Legion
Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004
Tickets \$8 per person advance
\$10 at door
Available from Legion Club
Room and Varty's Jewellers,
Haliburton
Buffet Dinner with haggis
Poetry recitation,
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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

SK8 LOTTERY WINNERS, 1st
prize - Julian Forget, complete
skateboard package and hel-
met. 2nd prize - Nigel St.Pierre,
Skateboard package. 3rd prize -
Tyler Watson, Dinner for 2 at
Sir Sam's Inn. 4th prize -
Darlene Box, Skateboard pack-
age. Draw took place at Family
Services Haliburton County on
January 5, 2004. For more in-
formation contact Greg at
457-5345 (301).

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440 THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE to thank family,
neighbours and friends for all
the delicious food and goodies
they gave when I was ill, also
for visits, get well cards, phone
calls and gifts. To our wonderful
family, special thanks to Karen
for all her TLC in seeing I had
everything I needed in hospital
and when I came home. Larry for
looking after Dad and the
house. Dale for his help and for
taking me to appointments in
Peterborough. Wayne and Julie
for all their help and getting the
house ready for Christmas.
Thank you to Dr. Stephenson
and Dr. Conway for their won-
derful care. Thank you to the
nurses and staff at Haliburton
Hospital for their great care.
Wishing you a healthy new
year.
Love and God Bless, **Audrey
Vick.**

ON SATURDAY, JANUARY
10, 2004, Grace Barrack was
married to Loyd Murray in a
beautiful private ceremony in
Minden with family and friends
in attendance at Thelda & Ron's
house. Grace & Loyd wish to
thank all the many people who
contributed to their special day,
particularly to the minister Peter
Walford-Davis, their dear
friends, Thelda & Ron French
and Sylvia & Garry Bradshaw
who prepared & served the
wedding dinner, to all the family
and friends who attended; those
who helped with flowers, cake,
invitations, helped with setting
up tables etc., photography &
videotaping; those who helped
with transportation and to Ox
Narrows Lodge who provided
accommodation for some of the
out-of-town guests. We are also
thankful to the many well-wish-
ers who were not able to attend
but gave us their best wishes.
Love, Loyd & Grace.

THE MINDEN FOOD Bank and
the Annual Christmas Basket
Campaign wish to extend sin-
cere thanks to the many individ-
uals, churches, organizations,
businesses and the Township
of Minden Hills for their gen-
erous donations of cash, food
and merchandise throughout
2003 and during the Christmas
season. Thanks also to the
many volunteers who have
helped in so many ways to
make this all happen. Over 200
families were helped through
the year and 120 Christmas
baskets were distributed before
the holiday. We live in a very
generous and caring commu-
nity. **Minden Food Bank Board
of Management.**

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450 IN MEMORIAM

BRYANT - In loving memory of
our dear grandpa and pappa
Roger Bryant.
Sometimes we sit and share a
laugh
About the things we used to do
Each one of us has a favourite
time
We shared with only you
We'll always cherish those
memories.
We miss you and we thank you
For the laughter and the love.
Lovingly remembered by **your
grandsons, Paul, Tim, Ben &
Kyle.**

BRYANT - In loving memory of
our dear husband and father,
Edward (Roger) Bryant who
passed away January 17, 2003.
Though his smile is gone forev-
er
And his hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many mem-
ories
Of the one we loved so much
His memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has him in His keeping
We have him in our hearts
Ever remembered, ever loved
by **wife Doris, Rhonda & Mike,
Valerie & Chris, Dwight &
Shannon.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

HEWITT, STERLING - In loving
memory of my dear son Sterling
Hewitt who left us on January
19th, 1974 and son-in-law
Wayne Anderson who left us
January 19th, 1995.
Although the years have come
& gone,
Your memories linger on
But as the years come & go
My memory of you never will.
Love always Mom.

IRVINE, HAZEL - In loving
memory of a dear wife, mother
and grandmother, who passed
away January 21, 1997.
Some day we hope to meet her,
Some day we know not when;
To clasp her hand in the Better
Land,
Never to part again.
Always remembered, **Jack &
Family**

IRVINE, HAZEL - In loving
memory, (January 21, 1997)
Cleve Stamp (March 25,
1993), Jenny Cooper (Decem-
ber 30, 1991), Leon Stamp
(October 12, 1973).
Our though go wandering when
daylight fades,
To the land of long ago.
And memory paints the scenes
of old,
In the gold of the twilight glow.
We seem to see in the soft dim
light,
The faces we loved the best,
And think of them when the
sun's last ray
Goes down in the far off west.
Always loved, never forgotten,
**Glen and Esther, Bob and
Shirley, Frank and Brenda
and Dennis.**

460 OBITUARIES

NORMAN LOUIS HANNA
Decorated Korean War
Veteran
suddenly at the
Minden Hospital on
Saturday, January 10, 2004
in his 75th year.

Beloved husband of Shirley of
Minden, dear father of June
Hanna of Kingston, Warren
"Lou", Carol and Rose-Marie,
loving stepfather of Robert,
Gary, Sharlene and Kimberly,
grandfather and great grandfa-
ther of many grand children.
Brother of Dorothy and Dolores,
predeceased by many brothers
and sisters. Cherished uncle of
many nieces and nephews. At
Norman's request there is no
Funeral Service. Cremation has
taken place.
"Your light will shine forever in
our hearts"

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BRUCE "POPPA" COOK
passed away peacefully at
the Haliburton Hospital on
Monday, January 12, 2004
with his family by his side
in his 72nd year.

Beloved husband and best
friend of Viola (nee Bishop).
Dear father of Brenda and Dan
Harding, Marlene and Ron
Robinson, David and Liz, Allan
and Heidi. Loving Poppa of
Amanda (Rob), Jeff, Chris
(Ashley), Mike, Tristen,
Courtney, Trevor and loving
great Poppa of Hailey. Loving
brother of Eileen, (the late Bill
Stevens), Nellie (Eric
Thompson), Earl (Yolinda),
Doris (the late Roger Bryant),
Doreen (Neil Bull), brother-in-
law Howie Thompson. Prede-
ceased by his parents
Raymond and Maggie Cook, by
brother Ray and by sisters
Marie, Marlene and Helen.
Fondly remembered by many
nieces, nephews, family and
friends. Friends are invited to
visit the family at the Gordon A.
Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127
Main St., Minden on Wednes-
day from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Fu-
neral Service in the Chapel on
Thursday, January 15, 2004 at
11:00 am. Spring Interment at
Maple Lake United Church Ce-
metery. Reception followed at
the Maple Lake Church, down-
stairs. Memorial donations to
the Victoria and Haliburton
Lung Association would be ap-
preciated by the family. **CA**

290 COMING EVENTS

MINDEN 636 SENIORS SPONSORS TRIP TO

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Thursday, February 19, 2004

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GARRY DENNIS SAWYER
passed away suddenly at
home in Minden on
Thursday, January 15, 2004
In his 62nd year.

Predeceased by his parents
Clair and Josephine Sawyer.
Loving father of Sharlene Sawy-
er, Kelli Sawyer, William Sawy-
er and grandfather of Esma.
Fondly remembered by Joan,
dear brother of Devona and Al
Steinke, Jack and Fran, Deloris
Bailey and Bud Sawyer. Fondly
Remembered by his nieces,
nephews, family and friends.
Friends are invited to visit the
family at the Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main
St., Minden on Sunday from 2-4
and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service in
the chapel on Monday, January
19, 2004 at 1:30 pm. Spring In-
terment at Maple Lake United
Church Cemetery. Memorial
Donations to the Heart and
Stroke Foundation or to the Ca-
nadian Cancer Society would
be appreciated by the family.

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HAZEL IRENE GREGORY
(nee Moore)

Passed away peacefully at
the Hyland Crest Senior
Citizens Home, Minden,
surrounded by her family on
Thursday, January 15, 2004
In her 97th year.

Beloved wife of the late H.E.
"Jack" Gregory. Dear mother of
Fred and Barbara, Joan and
Fred Chapple, all of Carnarvon.
Cherished grandmother of
Mark (Sharon) Fennell, David
(Dianne) Fennell, Jim (Debra)
Gregory, Rich (Angie) Chapple,
Steven (Tammy) Chapple, great
grandmother of Scott and Jeff
Fennell, Elishiba and Jim
Gregory, and great great grand-
mother of Anthony James and
Hunter. Survived by her sister
Bertha Parker, sister-in-law
Myrtle Moore and predeceased
by her brothers George and
Ray. She will be missed by her
nieces, nephews and friends.
Friends were invited to visit the
family at the Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main
St., P.O. Box 427, Minden (1-
888-588-5777) on Sunday from
2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to Zion
United Church, Carnarvon for
the Funeral Service on Monday,
January 19, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.
Reception followed in the Edu-
cator Centre at the Church.
Spring interment at Zion United
Church Cemetery. Memorial do-
nations to the Minden Health
Care Auxiliary would be appre-
ciated by the family.

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MARJORY MAY
(EMMERSON) RENNICK
July 1916 - January 2004
Sunday, January 11, 2004
at the Hyland Crest Senior
Citizens Home.

Loving wife, daughter, mother,
grandmother, aunt and friend,
realized her dream of going
home to Jesus. Predeceased
by her beloved husband, Fred.
Marjory is survived by her cher-
ished children, Marilyn, Don
(Judy Elstone), and Maureen
(Randy Warburton), and her
precious grandchildren, Diane,
Darren (Shannon Bredin),
Daurena (Carlo Facchini), and
Dionna Warburton and Danielle
and Matthew RENNICK and her
"adopted" daughter Joyce
(Bradley Emmerson). In addi-
tion to three generations of
nieces and nephews to whom
she was more than "Aunt
Marjory", but also mother and
grandmother, she is also sur-
vived by her youngest brother,
Don, and her sisters-in-law,
Carmel Emmerson, Margaret
Emmerson & Lula RENNICK.
Marjory was preceased by her
parents May (Robertson) and
Jack Emmerson, her brothers,
Max and Maurice, her baby sis-
ters, Muriel and Jean, and

460 OBITUARIES

CONTINUED...
several sisters and brothers-in-
law. She will be sadly missed
by all her family, friends and
neighbours. Marjory RENNICK
was born July 31, 1916 in Mind-
en Township on the property
that is now the site of Williams
Landing and was raised on the
Donald farm first settled by her
Grandfather Emmerson in the
1890's. Receiving her early
schooling on one of the first
Dysart one-room schools, prop-
erty given by her grandfather
and redeemed, Marjory was a
member of the "Steadfast" ses-
sion of the Salvation Army
Training College in Toronto,
graduating and commissioned
in 1942. From 1942 to 1945,
she served in various Salvation
Army Corps with her husband
Fred. She helped build and min-
istered at the Allsaw Pentecos-
tal Mission. In recent years, she
helped build the Haven of Rest
Chapel on the Old Donald Road
and served as Co-Pastor with
her son-in-law, The Reverend
Randy Warburton. Marjory
RENNICK's life, to the last was
dedicated to the service of her
Lord. We, her family, are certain
that she has heard Him say to
her, "Well done, my good and
faithful servant." Friends were
invited to visit the family at the
Haven of Rest Chapel on Tues-
day from 7-9 pm and on Wed-
nesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm.
Funeral Service at the Haven of
Rest Chapel was held on
Thursday, January 15, 2004 at
11:00 am. Spring Interment In-
goldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Re-
ception followed at the Haven of
Rest Chapel. Memorial Dona-
tions to the Haven of Rest
Chapel or to the Charity of your
choice would be appreciated by
the family and can be arranged
through the Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main
St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, On-
tario (1-705-286-2181).

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NORMAN HARVEY GEMMELL
passed away peacefully at
the Peterborough Regional
Health Centre on Tuesday,
January 13, 2004
in his 80th year.

Loving husband of Wilma Alice
(nee Holloway), loving father of
Bev Sullivan, Brian Gemmell,
Deb Gemmell and Steve
Bodmore. Dear grandfather of
Derek, Tara, Shawn and Jason,
brother of the late Helen
Gregory. Norm will be sadly
missed by many nieces,
nephews and many friends, es-
pecially by Peter and Eileen
Overington, Ken Crocker, Ray
and Daisy Downs and family. A
Legion Memorial Service was
held at the Gordon A. Monk Fu-
neral Home Ltd., 127 Main St.,
Minden (1-888-588-5777) on
Saturday, January 17, 2004 at
1:00 pm. Reception followed at
the Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 636 Mindebn. Crema-
tion has taken place. Memorial
Donations to the Canadian
Diabetes Association or to the
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch
636, Minden would be appre-
ciated by the family.

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- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & experience our exciting Self-Care workshops. Each workshop runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced Registration Required. For a list of workshops with dates call 705-748-5901.
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- **Now Until May 28:** Walkers are welcome to use the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Mondays to Fridays. Contact Moris Duff 286-6079.
- **Skating:** Anyone interested in couples/singles adult pleasure skating once a week at Minden Arena, please call Marilyn 286-6792. Day and time to be decided.
- **January 20, 27 & Feb 3:** Ontario Early Years Centre provides parents of children 0-2, 10am to 12pm Haliburton. For info or to register call Bev at 286-4625.
- **January 20:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups. Haliburton Alzheimer Office 1pm-2:30pm. Contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **January 20:** Association of Ireland's Own calls all those living in the City of Kawartha Lakes who have an Irish Connection to join us at 7pm at the Boys and Girls Club, 107 Lindsay St. S. Lindsay. Enjoy a social time and meet new friends. Call 705-438-5313.
- **January 21:** Women's Institute will welcome guests as we start our New Year at the Common Room of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 1:30pm. We'll have a biography of a W.I. member, then proceed with our Current Events & our Tweedsmuir Books.
- **January 22:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups. Minden Hyland Crest 1pm-2:30pm. Contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **January 24:** Family Literacy Day at the following Libraries: Dalton (11 a.m.), Kirkfield (9:30am). For info contact the individual library branch.
- **January 24:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Introductory Ice Climbing Workshop presented by Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network and Medeba Adventure Learning Centre. For info and to register contact 705-489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit www.trailsandtours.com
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- **January 25:** H.H. Field naturalists invites snowshoers to "Explore Snowdon Park" at 11am. Bring some lunch. Call Peter at 754-2351 for further information and if you want to join us.
- **January 27:** Celebrate Family Literacy Day at Coboconk Library at 6 pm.
- **January 27:** Ontario Early Years centre (Minden) will be celebrating "Family Literacy Day". Join us for story time and receive a free book for your child.
- **January 28:** Family Literacy Day at Kinmount Library 11am. 488-3199.
- **January 30:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Snowmobiling Workshop presented by Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network & the Haliburton County Snowmobile Assoc. To register 489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit www.trailsandtours.com.
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- **February 2, 9, 16, 23:** Kids have stress too! Workshop series helps you as a parent to better understand stress and get ideas to help teach your child ways to manage it. 10am to 12pm in Minden. For info call Bev 286-1770.
- **February 4:** The Laryngectomy and Family Support Group welcomes laryngectomees and their families to its monthly meeting from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Canadian Cancer Society at 727 Lansdowne St W in Peterborough, ON. Please feel free to contact CCS at 705-742-3823 or Jim Riel at 705-745-3178.
- **February 5:** Please join us to learn more about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and the newest advances in managing this disease. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Pre-register for the COPD teleconference by calling toll-free 1-866-801-0812 to ensure your place.
- **February 12:** Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre presents Self Love by Deb Frist, 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. Call 705-748-5901.
- **February 14:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dogsledding Workshop presented by the Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network & Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. To register contact 705-489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca / visit www.trailsandtours.com.

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